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GRACE LILBURNE'S SECRET.

A STORY OF

TWO CHRISTMAS DAYS.

"If my estates were not mortgaged for almost their value, or if you had fortune from your mother, as your sister had, we might afford to do as we please, but now it is impossible."

Grace threw herself upon a couch, and wept, and declared that he didn't love her, and she sobbed and cried, and altogether made herself exceedingly ridiculous; but Victor was not sufficiently infatuated to be imprudent, and as her father happened to come in just as this scene was at its height, Miss Grace was ordered off to her own room, and desired to remain there until she had regained her senses.

Then Mr. Lilburne talked quietly but kindly with the young man, and it was agreed between them that, if nothing unforeseen occurred in the interval, the marriage should take place immediately after Christmas Day.

When Miss Lilburne heard of the arrangement, and found that she could not have her own way, she resigned herself to the tyranny of circumstances with the best grace she could assume.

The rest of this terrible year must be lived out at Silverton Castle, for Mr. Lilburne, with the morbid expectation of his eldest daughter's return, would not go to London or Scotland, or to any of the places on the Continent that it was almost his yearly custom to visit.

Here at the castle he remained, and here, sorely against her will, Grace was obliged to stay with him.

As the days shortened, and the nights grew dark and chilly, and Christmas was again approaching, a horrible fascination seemed to draw her to the room under which she had consigned her sister to so terrible a fate.

At last she could resist the feeling no longer, yet when she at length yielded to the desire, she dared not move the sliding floor and look down upon the body of her victim.

She had no earthly doubt that Kate lay there as she had fallen, or, if not exactly in the same position, if she had not been actually killed by the fall, the guilty girl was equally sure that her sister was lying dead at the bottom of that horrible pit.

But though she would have given half of all she might ever possess to look upon the face of her victim, she dared not remove the floor that hid the murdered girl from view, because she feared that as surely as she did so, she should be irresistibly impelled to cast herself down beside her.

As Christmas came nearer, however, and the wedding was fixed for the succeeding day, Grace became rather wild and excited.

Since they must spend Christmas Day at Silverton Castle, they would be merry over it, she said, and as her marriage was to take place immediately afterwards, she invited a great number of guests to come to the castle for the Christmas festivities, and stay over the wedding-day.

"We will forget last year if it is to be forgotten," she exclaimed to her lover almost hysterically; "and whatever we do we must keep papa cheerful. I dread Christmas Day; oh, how I do dread it!"

She broke down, and began to sob and tremble as she said this, and it was some time before Victor could soothe her.

But when Christmas Day really dawned, Grace was calm and cheerful, and only those who knew her well could detect the under-current of excitement which she suppressed with so supreme an effort.

"To-morrow is my wedding-day," she kept whispering to herself, "and then I shall be free—free from the nameless terror that in this house always haunts me."

"To-morrow! But what will even to-day bring forth?"

CHAPTER IV.

COMRADES IN CHIEF.

Frank Fairfield sat in an office that was situated in one of the large thoroughfares within a couple of hundred yards of the Bank of England.

He was only a junior partner in the well-known firm of engineers to which he belonged, and he had obtained this position some two years before our story opens, partly by his own great talent and industry, but principally through Mr. Lilburne's generosity.

To all intents and purposes Frank Fairfield was a working partner in the firm; he had been to South America, to Russia, and to India, superintending the construction of railways and bridges, and though he had now been in England some three or four months, he knew that he might be required to start off again at any time without scant notice.

The young engineer is only eight-and-twenty, but he looks much older, for since he returned from his last journey abroad his thick wavy hair has become perfectly white.

He is seated this morning at a table with plans and drawings spread out before him.

He is trying hard to fix his mind closely upon the work he has in hand, but the effort required is a great one, and he looks up with a feeling of relief when a clerk opens the door and brings him a card.

"Roland Ayre," he silently reads with keen surprise; then he nods to the youth to admit the visitor.

Mr. Ayre came in, sad-looking it is true, but youthful and handsome, and he started with unfeigned astonishment when he saw Fairfield, for he had been given to understand that he was a man about his own age.

"I suppose I am addressing the person I really came to see?" he said, taking the seat offered him; you were—you are acquainted with Mr. Lilburne, of Silverton?"

Fairfield's face slightly flushed as he replied:

"Mr. Lilburne has helped me to the position I now hold; do you come to me from him?"

"Yes, he told me where I should find you, and I should have sought you months ago, but I have been very ill in consequence of a shock I received on Christmas Day."

"A shock!" repeated Fairfield.

"Yes; you have heard of the strange disappearance of Mr. Lilburne's eldest daughter?"

And as he asked this question Roland looked keenly at the man who he had been assured was his rival.

"I have had no direct communication with the Lilburnes for more than a year," replied Fairfield, meeting his companion's fixed gaze without wavering; "be good enough to tell me what occurred."

Roland complied, and he told his attentive listener how when the merry-making was flagging on Christmas night, Grace Lilburne had proposed a game of hide-and-seek, and how she had persuaded Kate to join in the game, the latter having been lost from that time to the present.

"Ah! then it was Grace who hid with Kate?" he remarked thoughtfully; "what did she say had become of her sister?"

"She didn't know."

"And did she make no suggestion?" and the engineer looked at Roland sharply.

"Yes, it was she who mentioned your name," he replied with hesitation.

"Ah, I thought so. She suggested that I had persuaded her sister to elope with me, I suppose?"

"Something of the kind."

"And may I ask, Mr. Ayre, why you come to me from Mr. Lilburne? Why did he not come himself or send for me? I should have been only too ready to obey his call."

"He ridiculed the idea that you would harm his daughter; he said you had given him your word never to press your suit with her again, and that he had as much confidence in your word as he had in mine."

"Ah!"

There was pain, satisfaction, and relief in the exclamation.

A few seconds later he spoke again:

"You have not explained your interest in the matter, Mr. Ayre. I don't understand what Miss Lilburne was to you."

"She was my promised wife," was the answer.

Fairfield shrank a little as though he had received a blow, and his pale face became still paler, but he quickly recovered himself, and he asked with a bitter smile on his face:

"Do you seriously believe that Kate Lilburne, your promised wife, would voluntarily leave her father's roof to run away with me?"

"Most certainly not," was the prompt reply.

"You think I carried her away by violence, then?"

"Good Heavens, no! I should not be here talking calmly if I believed such a thing possible."

"Then what made you come to me?"

"I came, as drowning men clutch at straws, to ask if you can, or will, help me?" was the eager response. "Nobody else can, I feel convinced. It is for Kate's sake, rather than my own, that I ask you. The mystery that surrounds her fate maddens and appals me. I love her so truly that if it would be for her happiness I would rather see her your wife, than have any doubt as to her safety or welfare."

"My wife!" repeated Fairfield with mournful bitterness; "the woman is not born who will be my wife. But you ask for my help, and perhaps I will give it to you. I must think the matter over, however. Will you call on me three days hence, or, better still, give me an address where I can write to you."

"And you will write to me?" asked Roland, as he gave him his address in town.

"Yes, I will write without fail."

Then Roland reluctantly went away. He would have liked to ask several questions, but he felt that if he did so the engineer would think he doubted him, and he estimated the man's character with sufficient accuracy to feel convinced that only by treating him with perfect trust and confidence could he win his co-operation.

But as Roland Ayre walked away from Fairfield's office it was with the disagreeable conviction that the latter had questioned and cross-questioned him, and learnt all that he had to tell, and told him absolutely nothing in return.

"The fellow is as close as an oyster," he muttered, "and yet I like him; there is something firm, and strong, and massive in the man's character, while he gives one the idea of possessing a certain amount of latent power which only exceptional circumstances will bring into action. And how he loves Kate! Surely together we ought to be able to find her alive or dead."

It was with some impatience that he waited, day after day, for the promised communication; but a whole week elapsed before a brief note came from Fairfield asking Roland to meet him on the following day.

The appointment was kept, and when the first brief salutation was over the engineer said:

"If you are disengaged to-day I will take you to see my mother. You know she was Miss Lilburne's nurse?"

"Yes, I have heard she was her foster-mother."

Fairfield inclined his head as he continued:

"My mother was as much devoted to her as though Miss Kate had been her own child, and she is in great trouble about her now. I promised to take you to her. Perhaps you can help each other."

"But how can I help her? Does she know where Kate is?"

"She will explain everything to you herself," was the evasive answer. "Do you feel disposed to go with me to my mother's house?"

"Certainly; my time is at your service. Where does your mother live?"

"About twenty miles this side of Silverton Castle," was the reply, "and fifty from London; but we shall get down there in a couple hours."

Then the two young men went off together, Fairfield leaving word at the office that he should not return for the day.

It was late in the afternoon when they reached Beechcroft, and Fairfield remarked that they had still three miles to walk or ride.

"Let us ride," said Roland impatiently. "I feel as though every moment we spend upon the road stands between me and my meeting with Kate."

Fairfield looked at his companion in startled surprise, and he said with a sigh:

"You are anticipating too much. You must prepare yourself for something the reverse of happy. What made my hair turn white in a single week can bring you no comfort nor satisfaction."

"Was Kate the cause of your white hair?" asked Roland in unfeigned surprise.

"Yes; last Christmas Eve I was as free from grey hairs as you are. Now look at me."

"But how did it happen? Why are you so mysterious? Why don't you deal frankly with me?"

"My mother will tell you all that you need to know," was the answer. "I only warn you to anticipate evil rather than good."

Roland felt a chill come over him. It was not the keen air of early spring that made him shiver, but the cold feeling of dread and anxiety that Fairfield's words caused him.

For, despite all reasoning to the contrary, he had cherished the hope that when he reached Mrs. Fairfield's cottage he would clasp Kate Lilburne to his heart.

When he glanced at the white hair of his companion, however, and heard what was the cause assigned for it, he felt only too well convinced that some dark tragedy had linked itself with the fate of his beloved.

For the rest of the journey the two men were silent, one was too sad, and the other was too nervously anxious to talk.

It was a large handsome cottage at the gate of which they drew up, and as they walked towards the door it was opened by Mrs. Fairfield herself.

She was a tall fine-looking woman, comparatively young-looking still, and very like her son, though her dark-brown hair as yet showed no sign of approaching age.

There was deference rather than humility in her manner as she gravely invited Mr. Ayre to enter, while she herself led the way into a comfortably furnished sitting-room.

The young man eagerly glanced round the apartment as though he hoped to see someone, but if so he was disappointed; there was not a single sign of anybody having been in the room save the woman to whom it belonged.

"I have told Mr. Ayre that you could probably help him in tracing Miss Kate," said Fairfield when they were all seated; "but perhaps it will be as well if he tells you first how Kate disappeared and what steps have been taken to find her; you will then be better able to connect his part of the story with the little you know."

Roland almost fumed with impatience. He did not want to go over the old ground again, he wanted to know without delay what they could tell him.

But Mrs. Fairfield, though very polite, was likewise very firm.

Moreover, she was suspicious.

Yes, she was suspicious even of her own son, and as Roland, finding no escape, began to tell the story of that Christmas night over again, she more than once interrupted him with questions.

"And when the search was being made you heard nothing about any false floor in the west turret, did you?" asked Mrs. Fairfield with a searching glance.

"Certainly not; is there such a thing?" he asked eagerly.

"There was formerly—at least, so I hear from my son—though I never heard of it in all the years I lived at the castle, and I don't think Mr. Lilburne himself knew of it; but Frank asserts that Miss Grace did."

"Grace!" exclaimed his lordship in sudden dismay; "are you sure she knew of it?"

"I am quite sure," here interposed the young engineer, "for I once showed it to her, and threatened to throw her into the shaft below. Of course I only meant to frighten her, but she was always getting me into scrapes with her deceitful tongue, and I thought I would put a stop to it."

Roland pressed his hands over his burning brows.

He remembered now how Grace had induced her sister to hide, and how she had afterwards denied all knowledge of her whereabouts.

Yes, it all came back to his memory now, even to the dust and dirt which he had noticed on her white satin dress, and to which he had called her attention.

At length he started to his feet, exclaiming:

"Let us go to Silverton Castle at once; there is not a moment to be lost. That infamous girl may be starving her sister to death; quick—quick, or we may be too late."

But Mrs. Fairfield said calmly as she also rose to her feet:

"We will go in good time, Mr. Ayre, but if I help you, you must help me, and I have a matter here that troubles me as much as Kate Lilburne's disappearance troubles you. Will you come this way, and tell me what it is best for me to do?"

And she was leading the way to a door that opened into another room when Roland exclaimed:

"I will do anything you require when Kate is once found, but I must go to Silverton Castle without delay."

And he was turning towards the opposite door, the one by which he had entered, when he was arrested by Mrs. Fairfield's calm sad voice saying:

"It is useless your going to Silverton Castle without me, and you must give me your advice at once. Come."

Then she led the way into the further room, and he, after a momentary hesitation, followed her.

CHAPTER V.

Better be with the dead,
 Whom we, to gain our place, have sent to peace,
Than on the torture of the mind to lie
 In restless ecstasy.

If lavish profusion, recklessness of cost, and carefully planned amusements could make any social entertainment a great success, this second Christmas Day at Silverton Castle must certainly have put all other events of the kind completely in the shade.

The servants and tenantry were not so well cared for as in the past, it is true, for Grace had given orders that they should put off their merry-making till after she was married, when they could eat and drink, dance and sing, to their hearts' content.

All the guest-chambers in the castle were full, and the eight bridesmaids who were to attend the bride on the coming day were here with their mothers or sisters or chaperons, each one of the eight looking forward to the time when she herself should take the leading part in a similar ceremony.

Grace Lilburne had not been very judicious in the selection of her bridesmaids.

The pretty desire to triumph over her friends and to create envy and jealousy prompted her to invite Miriam Hindman, a brilliant brunette, who rumor whispered had won Victor Gayherd's heart, and he was only saved from marrying her by her father losing the greater part of his fortune.

Mr. Lilburne had objected to Miriam being invited, and had suggested a cousin of his own in her stead; but Grace was obstinate, she had made up her mind to invite Miriam, and Victor could only hope that the invitation would not be accepted.

But here again he was disappointed, and Miriam came, looking seductive and brilliant as a humming-bird, gorgeous with jewels and costly dresses, and giving confirmation to the report that her father had retrived his fortune, and was now a richer man than ever.

I am afraid that Grace regretted her obstinacy when she saw how fascinatingly beautiful Miriam was, and certainly she was genuinely jealous when she observed how Victor's eyes followed the girl who had still the power to make him forget everybody else when she was present.

Miriam knew that Grace had not invited her out of affection, and that she had no nobler aim than a desire to mortify and humiliate her, and she determined that the pain should not be all on one side.

On her arrival at the castle, Miriam persistently attached herself to Mr. Lilburne. She gave him her sympathy with such witching tenderness, she condoled with him at being about to lose his second daughter, and then she began to talk of dear Kate, who had been her most intimate friend.

"I am quite sure that Kate is alive," she said, suddenly raising her voice so that all the others in the small tea-room could hear her.

Grace frowned. But Miriam paid no heed to the frown as she continued:

"Yes, I am quite sure she is alive. I dreamed of her last night, and my dreams always come true. We shall see her soon, I have no doubt of it."

"If you have nothing more substantial than a dream to found your assertion upon, I think it is a pity you should make it," said Grace with cold severity.

"I don't see why; my dreams have a strange faculty for being fulfilled. But, by the way, isn't there some mysterious passage or chamber in the old part of the castle, or was it destroyed when most of the place was rebuilt?"

She looked at Grace as she spoke, but it was Mr. Lilburne who replied:

"I never heard of anything of the kind. Silverton is singularly free from romance. We have not even the distinction of possessing a family ghost."

"There is, or there was, some mysterious means of getting in and out of the castle," said Miriam, shaking her pretty head like a wise bird laying down the law to its feathered friends. "I found out something about it from an old manuscript that papa has in his library. I wish I had brought it with me, but I'll send for it. Did you never hear of the secret, Grace?"

"No," was the curt reply.

But Grace Lilburne's face became deadly white, her head swam, and it was only by the most supreme effort that she could keep herself from fainting.

As soon as she could do so without being observed, the guilty woman escaped to her own room. Here she threw off all restraint, and gave way to the terrible agony of fear and remorse that consumed her.

"The secret of the turret floor is known," she muttered despairingly, "and that creature will discover where it is. I saw the threat in her eyes when she looked at me.

"I will open the floor to-night," and her eyes looked cold and cruel as the words hissed between her teeth. "I will lower a lamp into the shaft and see what lies there. I have been afraid hitherto, but I would rather meet Kate's sightless eyes and look upon her dead face than endure the grin of that mocking witch whom I was mad enough to invite here."

Having made this resolution, she managed before nightfall to procure a covered lantern and a long cord, and to hide them in the room the floor of which hid such a ghastly secret.

This had been easy enough, because the great hall was in the same part of the building, and several times during the day she had considered it necessary to go and personally inspect and superintend the decorations of holly, mistletoe, and hot-house flowers.

She made a pretence of criticising the arrangement of the tables, and the order in which the guests were to be placed, and she stood over the servants while everything was altered and rearranged according to her orders.

"Do you expect many guests to-night besides those staying in the house?" Miriam asked Mr. Lilburne as the company was about to disperse and dress for dinner.

"Yes, a great number," was the reply. "By the way, Grace," he added, turning to his daughter, "did I tell you that Roland Ayre wrote to me to say he was coming to-night?"

"Roland!" repeated Grace in dismay.

"Yes, I wrote to invite him to dinner; he says he cannot come till later in the evening, but he will come."

"Did he say nothing else?" asked the daughter hoarsely.

"Yes; he did say something else, but it's of no consequence—at least, no consequence to you," and Mr. Lilburne turned away.

Grace asked no more; she was beginning to feel like a creature at bay, hunted on every side with no avenue of escape open to her.

Why did her father invite Roland Ayre, and why, above all things, had the invitation been accepted?

After a time, consternation gave place to mirth, and she laughed bitterly as she remarked to Victor:

"Your cousin gives a striking proof of masculine constancy. Last year when he went away he said he would never enter Silverton Castle again unless he brought Kate with him, or came to meet her."

"And how do you know that he won't bring Kate with him?" asked Miriam Hindman boldly.

Grace looked at her for one moment with a scornful scowl then turned away without deigning to utter one word of reply.

She noticed, however, that her father was eager and nervous, and pleasurably excited, and that he looked younger and stronger than he had done for some months past.

"Surely papa does not think of marrying that horrid girl," Grace exclaimed as she watched her father and Miriam talking together in a confidential and affectionate manner.

"I shouldn't think he'd have the chance," returned Victor; "she's an uncommonly nice girl."

"Oh yes, I know you think there is nobody like her," sneered Grace.

"At any rate, I didn't invite her here," retorted the young man angrily.

"Well, no, you couldn't very well, as it is my father's house," she replied; "but I wonder since you admire her so much you don't marry her."

"I am like your father in that respect: I haven't the chance," he said coldly.

Then he crossed the room and joined the couple of whom they had been talking.

Grace was very angry, but she did not follow him, and soon after this the first gong sounded—a hint that it was time to dress for dinner.

Miriam Hindman, instead of going upstairs like the other girls, sauntered into a little study she knew of, where a bright fire burned in the polished grate, and the lamp was turned low.

Despite her assumption of cheerfulness and high spirits, her heart was sad and heavy.

Victor Gayherd had been the one love of her life, and though they had parted in pique and anger more than a year ago, and just before her father had lost the greater part of his fortune, she had always expected her truant lover to return to her.

But this hope had died out now, for he was pledged to become the husband of another before twenty-four hours had passed.

She had seated herself on a hassock before the fire, her hands clasping her head, and her elbows resting on her knees, and she was thinking sorrowfully of the man she still loved so well.

"He will have a very miserable life," she mused, "particularly so if Grace does not get the large fortune she anticipates; and he will, no doubt, often wish he had not taken me at my word when I told him to go and find a richer wife. Ah me! people think me bright and witty, the men admire me, and the girls envy me, and yet I am the most miserable woman in this house to-night!—yes, quite the most miserable."

Her meditations were here interrupted by an arm being clasped round her waist, and by some member of the opposite sex very energetically kissing her.

She looked up, struggled to her feet, and recognizing her companion, she exclaimed passionately:

"Victor, how dare you insult me like this?"

"I only kissed you under the mistletoe," he pleaded with mock humility, holding up a spray of the white-berried plant.

"Under the mistletoe!" she exclaimed with increasing anger. "I wonder you are not ashamed to look me in the face. I wonder you dare to come into a room where I am alone."

"Well, it is a risky thing to do," he replied recklessly; "but I wanted to speak to you, and I may not have another chance."

"That is highly probable. What have you to say?"

"I want to know why you came here?"

"I came because I was invited," was the haughty reply.

"You had some other reason," he persisted.

"I had two or three other reasons," she replied with a short laugh.

"One of them was to make me feel what a fool I'd been to think of marrying that waxen-faced doll while you are free."

"Oh dear no, I am not so vain; besides, you don't know that I am free. But since you are so curious I don't mind telling you that I came here with the hope of meeting Kate Lilburne to-night."

"Kate Lilburne!" he repeated incredulously. "Are you out of your mind? There is no such person living as Kate Lilburne."

"Well, perhaps she is married and has changed her name, still she won't have lost her identity."

"And you really came here hoping to meet Kate and not me?" he asked earnestly, as he stepped close to her side.

"Why should I want to see you?" she asked defiantly. "You are nothing to me."

"And yet you are all the world to me, Miriam—my love, my life. Only say the word and we will fly together, and I will break the hateful bonds that bind me to Grace, whom I have never loved."

He caught her in his arms, and strained her to his heart; but she gently though firmly released herself from his embrace as she said:

"It is too late, Victor; too late. I have no pity for Grace, but I cannot bring such pain and humiliation upon her father. No; you must keep your word and marry her; but I am sorry for you and—and—so sorry for myself."

She slipped away from him as she said this, and ran upstairs, but on her way to her own room to dress, she thought, as a species of self-mortification, she would go into Grace's room with the other girls and try to be civil to her young hostess.

Many of the bridesmaids had clustered round the expectant bride, and took a great interest in the dress she was going to wear on this, the last evening when she would sit at the head of her father's table as the mistress of his household, and they admired over again the very handsome trousseau with which she was provided.

"You don't seem to have much jewelry," remarked Miriam Hindman. "I wish I had known it before, for I would have given you a bracelet as a wedding present instead of the silver-dishes I brought with me."

"But I suppose your father will give you Kate's jewels; she had a splendid collection, I know."

"Kate's jewels will go with her money to her mother's family, when there is proof that she is really dead; but if people talk such stuff to my father as you did this afternoon it is not likely that anything reasonable will convince him," replied Grace severely.

"I don't know why you should call it stuff," returned Miriam quietly; "people don't disappear as your sister did unless they go away to return at some time or other, or unless they are murdered. Therefore until it is proved that she is dead we may reasonably hope she is alive."

Grace shrugged her shoulders. She would not discuss the matter, but intimated that it was time they should begin to dress, and her maid came forward to attend to her while the girls all went off to their own rooms.

[*To be Continued.*]

SOME STRANGE HANDS.

There is a Great Deal of Character in Them if We Only Know it.

Hands reveal habits, occupations, trades, says a writer in Cassell's Family Magazine. A crop of them rises at the thought, like the show thrust up from a crowd of honor of a candidate after an election speech. There is the carpenter's, with the broad thumb, and those of the fraternity of flour, ingrained, mealy, and white; the musicians, with the powerful wrist and the fingers delicate, sensitive, and agile to the last degree; the hand of the semptress, with an honorable little bit of nutmeg grater on the forefinger that works so hard; of the scientific man, who lectures to explain mysteries to lower mortals, and whose exactitude of touch is the image of his mental precision, while the nervous stretch of his fingers corresponds with his tension of mind.

The sleight-of-hand professor is a man of long fingers. A conjuror with a slow and chubby hand would betray the awful secrets the plum-pudding that is taken from the depths of your best hat.

But besides character and trade, the hands tell the age. Soft and round, the baby's pair of buff balls, with their fat wrists deeply ringed, appear as if they never can do anything in this world. Yet the girl's hand will become a treasure, and the boy's hand will battle with life and with his fellow men for the mastery. It is appalling to think of what those helpless little puff-balls have before them.

After the first dimples, they become the inky hands of school; then the awkward hands, that don't know what to do with themselves. Years pass, the boy's hand ceases to grumble at gloves—yea, he wears them in extravagant freshness, in comparison as his collars grow upward, and his shoes tighten within an inch of his life. The result of these phenomena is, that a ring begins to shine with charming strangeness on another hand, that seemed a child's but yesterday. The young wife tells by her hands that it is not long since the wedding, because she cannot let that new ring alone, but twists it around for the novelty, and admires it, with an unconscious knack of caressing it in idle moments. Her dimples disappear, as the children gather to make a home circle; it is the hand of the woman now, with its very framework traceable.

Dimples, bones, and wrinkles mark the three stages of life's progress. With the wrinkled stage the steadiness of youth often remains in resolute characters. When the Duke of Wellington was a very old man, he could still fill a glass of water to the last possible drop, and hold it up steadily, brimful. The helpful hands keep their youthful activity, too, far into the withering age. And in nobly-loving natures there is a sort of immortality of youth; the warmth of affection has given more than a royal prerogative; the hand is beautiful always to the eyes that know it familiarly. The latter years only stamp it with the impress of a longer past of tenderness, faithfulness, and bounty. It is not the "old" hand, but the "dear" hand, and it never grows older, but only more dear. He who doubts the truth of this last mystery, has not yet found out that hands, as well as hearts, have a peculiar place in our knowledge and love of one another.

The Question Answered.

Jamison was in a quandary. He wanted to do it just right, and yet he didn't know exactly the way. After puzzling his brain for some days, he finally submitted the question to an authority in etiquette.

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DEAR SIR: It has been a great question with me, whether in the coming marriage of my daughter, she should be handed away by my wife or myself. Will you please oblige by an immediate answer?

Very truly,

JACOB JAMISON.

The answer he received was written in a commercial hand, and had altogether a very commercial aspect. It was brief, and as follows:

MR. JACOB JAMISON,

DEAR SIR: Yours to hand.

Very truly,

ALGERNON SUDKINS.

—Tid-Bits.

FASCINATING STEEPLE CLIMBING.

How One May Get Accustomed to the Danger—Views of a Workman.

With bated breath and upturned faces, a large crowd stood the other day watching a man who was slowly ascending the steeple of an uptown church. He seemed to go over the delicate scaffolding like a snail. The crowd below expected every moment to see him fall.

When he reached the end of the scaffolding and stood upon a piece of framework that looked in the distance as if it was about a foot square, he leaned far over and shouted something to another workman about half-way down. The spectators shuddered but could not take their eyes from the little climber who had left the scaffolding and was still going up the steeple.

When he reached the top he remained for a few minutes, examined the steeple on every side, and then retraced his steps. When he got safely back to the scaffold he waved his hand to the people and smiled. He went to the top of the steeple several times in the course of an hour, and every time a crowd gathered.

"You think it hazardous?" said the steeple-climber to a reporter when he came down to the ground. Though he looked so small when in the air, he was considerably over the average height, slim and wiry, all bone and muscle, with a clear, steady eye and hand, and perfect confidence in himself.

His eyes sparkled as if he was in love with the work, as he continued:

"People who are not used to being at great heights, and who feel dizzy when a few feet from the ground, naturally look with wonder upon a man working high up in the air and think that he must feel as they would. I probably go upon more steeples and other elevated places to adjust ornamental designs than any other man in the business, and I feel just as much at home standing on a narrow board 200 feet from the ground as I would on a rock. I feel a perfect sense of safety and never think of falling.

"But I was not always without fear. When I first began the business I always started up the scaffolding with trembling legs and a quaking heart, and many times I have not gone to the top but returned with some excuse for not going up just then.

"An old man who had been a climber in his day saw me on one of these occasions when my heart was weak, and gave me a bit of advice that cured my faintheartedness in time. He said, when starting up always to fix your mind intently on the work you are going to do, and keep every thought of fear, or that something is going to happen, out of your mind.

"This was just the thing, and I found from experience that it is thinking about fear that makes a man afraid, and overcaution has given many a poor fellow a tumble, where boldness and seeming recklessness would have carried him through all right.

"There are only a few expert climbers. Hundreds quit the business in a short time because they cannot overcome their nervous dread. I have seen stout-hearted fellows who would march up to a cannon's mouth without a quiver, when they got to the place where the scaffolding ends and from which point they would have to 'shin' to the top, try to step up, but a ton of lead had been hooked to their foot and it would not go up an inch.

"I have known men who, when they got into a ticklish spot would have black specks come before their eyes which would move up and down and in a circle, and they would fall down and hug a plank like a long-lost brother. Their heads would seem to be in a whirl. This is where a man gets 'rattled' and it requires the greatest exercise of the will to overcome this feeling.

"I have felt this way many times, and even now I sometimes have a sudden desire when on the pinnacle of a steeple to jump off, but I always laugh at the idea and it goes away as quickly as it comes.

"A man who drinks stimulants is out of place on a steeple, where a false step will send him headlong a hundred feet or more below. So also is a fat man, for a climber must be light, agile and muscular. Dark-haired men with swarthy faces usually make the best climbers."

"Does it prevent dizziness when going to a great height to keep the eyes turned upward?"

"This is a popular notion, but there is nothing in it except that the attention is turned from the idea of falling, and this will keep a man from tumbling. But the place for the eyes is upon the road to be travelled to see that everything is in position. A high wind sometimes renders scaffolding unsafe and if a man has his eye on the sky he would never see it."

"Did you ever fall?"

"I've had many narrow escapes but only one good fall. This was about seventy feet. I had a sick child at home and was thinking about her and was absent-minded.

"I started off sideways between the scaffold and steeple and in two or three seconds I was at the bottom. I thought I would be killed, and in a second my whole life flashed through my mind and also the future of my family and how they would all look after the children were all full-grown.

"I knew that I was bumping against the timbers of the scaffold, but there was no pain and I was overcome apparently by a soothing influence and never had a more pleasant journey in my life.

"It seemed as if I was falling for hours. I knew when I struck the bottom and felt a shock at the sudden stop, but it was not disagreeable. I had enough pain afterward, though, and it took about six months to patch up my body. Both arms and one leg were broken.

"I made up my mind to give up the business when I got well, but in a little while the old fascination came back and I went to climbing again."

Colored Women in Journalism.

The only newspaper in the United States conducted by a colored woman is the Virginia Lancet, published in Petersburg, of which Miss Carrie Bragg is the editor.

A Social Difficulty.

A correspondent of a San Francisco society paper declares that in making a call he never knows what to do with his hands and feet, and asks advice on the subject.

The friendly judicious editor thereupon suggests that he take his hat with the former and his departure with the latter.

If all writers on etiquette were as practical as this one, they would not be the nuisances as they are now.—[illegible]

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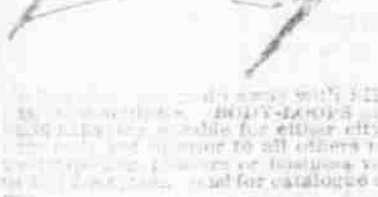

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FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER:
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FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY:
H. G. ROSE, Johnstown.

FOR HOUSE HOUSE DIRECTOR:
JACOB SHAFER, Allegheny Twp.

GENERAL YOUNG, one of the candidates in the Fifth, Louisiana, District, when asked last week to say something why he should be sent to Congress, replied: "No one would appreciate a nomination for Congress near as much as I would. I was numerously solicited to become a candidate, but no one solicited me as thoroughly and persistently as I did myself."

THE three Irish delegates, Messrs. O'Brien, Deasy and Redmond, selected by Mr. Parnell to attend the National Irish League Convention which met at Chicago on Wednesday last, arrived at New York on Monday morning and left for Chicago in the evening. Messrs. Deasy and Redmond are Irish members of Parliament, but Mr. O'Brien is not, having been defeated at the recent election in one of the Ulster districts by three votes by the Tory candidate.

THE venerable widow of James K. Polk who was elected President of the United States over General Scott in 1852, has written a letter to General C. H. Grosvenor in favor of securing the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1887 at Nashville, in the course of which she says:—"Before I die I would that mine eyes should see the grand reunion of my beloved country in the city where my dear husband lies—see the veterans of the North encamping in amity where they once did in anger; and those who wore the gray shaking hands with their fellow-countrymen in the fellowship of a common destiny."

As showing the desperation of the combatants in the riots at Belfast, Ireland, a dispatch one day last week said: "Never did two different religions display a more blood-thirsty desire to kill or maim each other. During the fighting on Sunday and Monday whenever powder run short viragoes on both sides took flat irons and other implements and ground large grains of blasting powder into a size suitable for small arms, while boys of tender age melted lead into bullets and slugs. While the rioters were firing, youths and women stood behind them busily loading the spare guns in order to prevent a waste of time. The fusillade lasted until nine o'clock Tuesday morning, when the ammunition gave out and a tacit truce ensued, both sides removing their dead and wounded to their homes. Both sides are doing their utmost to hide their losses."

THE President last week suspended Samuel C. Wingard, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Washington Territory, and appointed William G. Langford in his place. The cause of Wingard's suspension is not stated. He is a native of Huntingdon county—practised law here thirty years ago and is a man of very decided ability. He removed from this place to Pittsburg and from there to Williamsport. He subsequently represented Lycoming county for one term in the Legislature as a Republican, and refused to vote for Simon Cameron for the United States Senate. When he lived here he was a full-blooded Democrat and was a candidate for nomination for District Attorney against Theophilus Heyer when the latter gentleman was seeking a renomination. In 1867 he was appointed one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of Washington Territory where he has resided ever since.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND with his wife, her mother, Mrs. Folsom, his private Secretary, Daniel Lamont, and Mrs. Lamont, left Washington on Monday morning last for the Adirondack Mountains on the head waters of the Hudson River, N. Y., where Mr. Cleveland will spend his summer vacation.—Mr. Lamont and his wife will leave the party at Albany. Unless something not now anticipated should occur the President will not return to Washington until about the 20th of September. No former President has ever done so much hard work in his office as Mr. Cleveland. He keeps on steadily engaged in disposing of the vast amount of business before him, and his ability to do so without breaking down is a matter of general wonder at Washington. No man better deserves a brief respite from the toil and incessant labor which he has devoted to his high office than the present industrious and hard working President of the United States.

OF the speech of Michael Davitt at a mass meeting in Chicago on Saturday last, the New York *World* says: The speech of Michael Davitt in Chicago on Saturday was a notable one. It was an appeal to the Irish in America not to misjudge the situation following upon the defeat of the Home Rule Bill and cry out for violent measures, but to continue to sustain the Nationalist leaders in the peaceful prosecution of their cause. He declared that notwithstanding the elevation of the Tories to power, Ireland was steadily advancing toward autonomy. He called for patience, forbearance and unremitting sympathy on the part of the Irish-Americans. "If by being satisfied with less than what satisfies you," he said, "we become recreant to the past history of our country, then we are quite willing to bear the blame." It was very easy, he explained, to establish an Irish Republic by patriotic speakers 3,000 miles away from Ireland, but the operation was rather more difficult at home.

THE pension cranks of Congress, such blatant friends of the soldier as John A Logan and that superlative demagogue, Henry W. Blair, of New Hampshire, who warmly support the proposition that a pension shall be given to every surviving soldier and sailor of the war of the rebellion have again been repudiated by the Grand Army of the Republic. At the late meeting of that organization in San Francisco a "pension for every body" resolution was defeated by the decisive vote of 327 nays to 86 ayes, which was simply a re-affirmation of the vote by the same body of soldiers a year ago, with this difference—that the vote this year against the proposition is larger and more emphatic than on the previous occasion. No government in the world has ever been so liberal and open handed in pensioning her wounded and destitute soldiers as that of the United States.—All have been generously provided for and it is not the true soldiers who are now advocating an indefinite extension of the pension system, but pension attorneys at Washington and elsewhere reinforced by brawling politicians in Congress intent upon conciliating the "soldier vote."

THE condition of the corn crop at this time of the year in the Western States, the home of that valuable and important cereal, is always a matter of general interest. The very latest reports received at Chicago from the twelve corn States including Kentucky and Tennessee, bring out the following facts: that up to the 4th of July the general prospects east of the Missouri were exceptionally good; west of the river the corn situation, comprising the States of Kansas and Nebraska, had been reduced more or less by dry weather: that ever since that date the corn has been subjected, with the exception of portions of Ohio and Indiana, to such extremes of dry weather and intense heat that the general prospects to-day point to a crop greatly reduced in quantity and quality. Rains during last week have been copious throughout nearly the entire corn growing region and further reduction of the crop from drought has been stopped, but the season is now so far advanced that no amount of rain can bring the crop up to more than three-fourths the aggregate yield of last year, which would indicate a crop of about fifteen hundred millions of bushels. Against this total must still be counted the risk of frost during the first two weeks in September. If this danger is once passed there will be enough for home consumption as well as a reasonable amount for foreign export.

AT the election in Tennessee for five Judges of the Supreme Court, which took place two weeks ago, the Democrats carried the State by about thirty-five thousand majority. Another general election will occur in the same State in November, and it promises to be very interesting, although a Democratic victory is not doubted. A Governor is to be elected and the two candidates are brothers, Alfred A. Taylor being the Republican nominee and Robert L. Taylor the Democratic. Both are good stump speakers and the Democratic candidate has served one term in Congress, defeating a Republican in a strong Republican district. The district embraces the mountainous region of the State and Taylor, who is an expert with "the fiddle and the bow," took his musical instrument along with him during the campaign and when not engaged in making speeches to the rough Tennessee mountaineers, fiddled for them at their dancing parties, and in that way changed enough Republican votes to beat his opponent. The father of the two candidates is Rev. Henry Taylor, now well advanced in years, an original Henry Clay Whig, and in the political contests prior to Lincoln's election in 1860 was regarded as perhaps the ablest stump speaker in Tennessee. The Prohibition party of the State want to nominate him, if he will accept, as their candidate for Governor, and if that is done the singular and unprecedented spectacle will be presented of a father and two of his sons all candidates for the same office. Before the recent election in Tennessee the Republican leaders in the State proclaimed their ability to carry it as the forerunner of success in the Presidential contest of 1888, but their crushing defeat not only in that State but also in Alabama, has once more blasted all their hopes of dividing the "Solid South."

THE Mexican difficulty has assumed a new phase. It seems that Secretary Bayard acting on the positive declaration of the Mexican Minister at Washington that Cutting was to be punished in Mexico for an act done in Texas, demanded that he should be delivered up and asked that Congress should support his demand by a resolution on the subject. The first dispatches from El Paso, Texas, all asserted that the libelous article had been published by Cutting in the United States, and upon this information Mr. Bayard made his demand. Later advices and especially the opinion of the Judge before whom Cutting was tried, make it appear that the libel of Cutting upon Medina was first published in Mexico and that Cutting retracted it. He then crossed over the Rio Grande into Texas, republished the libel, and returned to Mexico bringing with him his paper containing the libel for distribution, and that the paper was circulated on the Mexican side of the river. If this statement is correct it alters the case very materially. In order to ascertain the exact truth of the whole business Mr. Bayard has appointed A. G. Sedgwick, of New York, as a special commissioner to proceed to El Paso and thence to Chihuahua, the capital of the Mexican State of the same name, where Cutting's case is now pending upon an appeal to the Supreme Court. This course has been resolved upon by Mr. Bayard in order to obtain the precise history of the affair on which to base any action he may decide upon when it is in his possession. He is specially anxious to have before him a transcript of the proceedings of the Mexican Court. Until Mr. Sedgwick's return Cutting's case will remain as it is for the present. Mr. Sedgwick left Washington on last Sunday night, and expected to reach El Paso yesterday or to-day.

Who is to Blame?

No reasonable man is at a loss to fix the responsibility for the shameful riots in Belfast. Common sense tells us that Irish Catholics if they were animated with hatred for their Protestant brethren, would not remain quiet in all parts of Ireland, where they could act with relative impunity, and confine their sectarian ferocity to the stronghold of Orangeism, where they are outnumbered four to one, and see almost all the civil authorities arrayed against them.

Yet although all the elements of the Irish situation combine to fasten ineffaceably the stain of blood-guiltiness upon the Orangemen in this wicked business, there is no lack of loud and lying asseverations to the contrary, and too many of the telegrams despatched from London to New York newspapers are palpably inspired by these false witnesses. We are, therefore, glad to lay before our readers in another column of *The Sun* testimony of the greatest weight touching the true originators of the hellish scenes of which Belfast has been made the theatre, and to which we can find a parallel only in the darkest hours of the Paris reign of terror. This evidence, which reached us too late for publication on the day of its transmission, is as timely and decisive now as it was then, for it emanates from a prelate of the highest character, the Right Rev. Patrick McAllister, who, as the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Down, lives close to the heart of the Orange section, and has the largest opportunities for gaining exact information.

Dr. McAllister confirms every conclusion drawn by *The Sun* from the telegraphed reports, which, as we have said, require at all times diligent sifting and sometimes complete rejection. There is nothing equivocal or qualified about his statement that the Belfast riots are due to nothing else but "the incitement of Orangemen to acts of violence by the so called Loyalist press and incendiary fulminations from the platform and the pulpit." He challenges any one to cite a recent case of rioting in Belfast wherein the Orangemen have not been the aggressors, and where the vastly outnumbered Catholics have not been driven to resistance in order to save their lives and homes. As an unanswerable proof of this assertion he points, as we have pointed, to the fact that Protestants in strongly Catholic districts have not been molested. Then, as to the outcry against the police, the Bishop gives a cogent reason for the fact, that when they are forced to fire upon the mob, Orangemen are the sufferers. Orangemen are hit because they alone defy authority, the Catholics at once retiring when ordered to do so by the constabulary. The Orangemen are thus defiant because in the past they have been wont to count upon the connivance of the police, and they are filled with rage because Lord Aberdeen and Mr. Morley, before leaving Ireland, took precautions to infuse a more impartial spirit in the guardians of public order.

Were the present Government of Ireland and the local authorities of Belfast inspired by a like determination to mete out even handed justice to both parties, it is Dr. McAllister's conviction that the whole agitation could be speedily allayed. It would be only necessary, he says, for the borough magistrates, who feel themselves to be the creatures of the Orange majority, to remain at home and let justice be administered by the stipendiary magistrates, who are responsible to the imperial government. What the animus of the local officials is be indicates by the significant remark that the Mayor, if he chose to do so, might certainly induce his own workingmen to refrain from attacking Catholics. We may add that he might take measures to prevent them from supplying themselves from his own factory yard with deadly missiles in the shape of iron bolts.

If there be any of our readers in whose mind remains a doubt as to where the blame for the Belfast atrocities should fall, we ask him to read and ponder the clear, emphatic statement of an upright and pious man, who lives where he can learn the truth, and who performs a duty in telling it.—*N. Y. Sun.*

Humors of the Three Mill Tax.

The payment of taxes under the new 3-mill levy is now about completed. As Auditor General Niles and some other officials still affect to regard that extremely complicated special assessment as a passably bright piece of business, it may be well to look at the results. To start with, a very high degree of intelligence was required upon the part of the citizen in order to be able to make a return under the act without on the one hand committing technical perjury thro' its confused prescriptions, or on the other making a return of more than was intended to be assessed. As one of the first consequences, a great many, if not a majority, made no return. Of those who did there were numbers who could not be certain whether they had exactly filled the bill as was desired. Those who ignored the act wholly had their personal property guessed by the Assessors, and 50 per cent. added by the Commissioners. According as these guesses were shrewd or not, equality or inequality of taxation was insured. Considering that the amount of an individual's personal property affords, in most cases, the widest latitude for speculation, and not taking into account the mood of each of the several hundred Assessors, the state of the temper and digestion of each at the particular moment of assessing every individual, it can be seen at a glance that there was liable to result about as much of an approach to accuracy as in betting upon a base-ball game or making predictions of the weather.

In a collective way the injustice and inoperativeness of the tax are best shown by the fact that the total of personal property in Allegheny county that was assessed under the 3-mill law was seventeen-odd million dollars. This included what was voluntarily returned and what was guessed at. Yet, by other and more exact processes of determining the personal wealth owned in the county, the sum supposed to be actually liable to the assessment was about $117,000,000, in place of $17,000,000. It follows that only one-sixth of the whole personal property paid the tax. It is not surprising to learn further that one wealthy citizen who could not understand the requirements of the act, was so returned by the Assessors that he had to pay upon one-fourteenth of the whole amount assessed upon the county. Mr. Thaw, who enjoyed the distinction, is no doubt very rich, but assuredly not, by any means, in anything like that proportionate degree to all the rest of the community, including the long list of other local millionaires.

Property taxation is always a difficult matter. The great object should be the securing of equality, proportioned to means; but any system that depends for the most part upon voluntary returns or Assessors' estimates of the invisible but suspected is sure to work out unequally. Added to that the terms of the 3-mill tax statute are hopelessly wanting in clearness. It is not the Assessors nor the Commissioners who are to be blamed for the failure of the 3-mill act, but the principle and provisions of the act itself which are incapable of just and satisfactory application. That it should be repealed at the next session of the Legislature, with some more certain and feasible method of raising revenue substituted for it, need scarcely be argued in view of its utter failure.—*Dispatch.*

TUESDAY was the fiftieth day of the Anarchists' trial at Chicago, and was occupied by Captain Black, the leading counsel for the defense, in an argument on behalf of the prisoners.

Mr. Randall on the Results.

A day or two before Congress adjourned a burlesque resolution, incorporating a political stump speech, was introduced in the House by Hon. Charles Simeon Baker, of the Thirtieth New York district, at the instigation of Tom Reed and other mad wags on the Republican side.

Mr. Randall very properly objected to this outbreak of waggery, as neither respectful nor decent, and as a proceeding the like of which he had never known in his long experience in the House. Tom Reed, with a solemn expression on his Shakespearean countenance, and with his tongue in his cheek, proceeded to discuss the matter as if it was seriously intended; and this drew from Mr. Randall a still more serious statement of the results in the way of good legislation due to the Democratic majority in the present House. His summary is worth reproducing:

"Mr. Speaker, we are all about to return to the people who sent us here, and the record of this House will be weighed and measured by them. The results of our actions will be carefully scanned, and the elections will show whether in the popular judgment the party in control of this House to-day should receive the respect and approval for the future of the American people. Let me recite a few of the results of their legislation:

"We have returned to the public domain millions of acres of public lands, sought to be unlawfully kept by insatiate corporations reaching 70,000,000 acres.

"We have entered upon the work of constructing a new navy. We have passed every act that we have been asked to pass for the purpose of bettering the condition of the working people of the United States.—We have not in a single instance, so far as I remember, passed through this House a bill in favor of monopolies. We have given to the Senate an opportunity to join with us in passing an inter-State Commerce bill which only forty men on the other side dared vote against. But for the delay involved in the present proceeding on the part of gentlemen on the other side, we should probably have reached an opportunity of passing a bill to increase the pensions of one-armed and one-legged soldiers.

"Finally, I say deliberately that the appropriation bills as they have passed this House are, so far as I know, freer from suspicions or unnecessary propositions than they have been in any Congress since the war, whether this remark applies to the appropriations reported from the committees over which I have the honor to preside or those emanating from the other committees having charge of appropriation bills. Whatever may be the result of the next election, I venture to say we have done so well that we ought to command, and I believe will command, the confidence and approval of the American people.

"Nay, more; when we came here thousands and thousands of working people throughout the United States were idle.—Even in my own city the number ran up to tens of thousands. But to-day, so far as my information gives me knowledge, there are few laboring men who want work who cannot secure it; [applause] and I add that this is due in a large degree to the confidence which this Democratic House and the Democratic Executive in the direction of good government have given to the American people." Applause.

This statement, coming from the Democrat who has contended so persistently for honest and economical government, not only at the late session, but also at every session for the past twenty-three years, is deserving of the most respectful consideration.

Tell the Truth.

The Philadelphia *Press* avows that Mr. Blaine could have been elected in 1884 "but for the stupidity or perversity of Burchard and the blunder of a Delmonico dinner.

The *Press* leaves its readers somewhat in doubt as to whom it holds responsible for these blunders. If to them was due the defeat of Blaine there is no one to blame but himself; and if his party regrets his defeat it should hold him to deserved accountability for the result.

The Delmonico dinner, or "Belshazzar's feast," which was held to demonstrate that he was the favorite of the millionaires and monopolists was approved by him and he became its willing guest upon his own judgment and pleasure. He considered there was ten thousand dollars under each plate for his campaign fund, and that he ate and drank political salvation with that company. It was a short-sighted conceit. The vulgar pretentiousness of the whole affair disgusted many and captivated few. The party was the loser, but who was responsible if not Blaine?

When Burchard blurted out his fatal "rum, Romanism and rebellion," had Blaine been a sincere man, instead of an unprincipled demagogue, feverishly anxious to make votes, his honest impulses would have prompted him to resent the insult to his mother's religion and to the patriotism and morality of half the people of the country. He failed to do it and lost such a chance as had never occurred to him before nor since. Nobody but himself was responsible for this failure. If the *Press* would tell the truth it could easily demonstrate that the chief perversity and blunders of that campaign were its candidate's. We hope he will be given another chance to swim the whirlpool in 1888.—*Lancaster Intelligencer.*

Extent of a Three-Inch Rainfall.

Few people have any ideas of the extent of a two or three-inch rainfall, and a great many think it doesn't amount to much. They have often seen the water six inches deep in a gutter or a foot deep in a cellar, so that a little three-inch shower is looked upon as a very insignificant affair. Let's look at the figures a moment. By an easy mathematical calculation it may be demonstrated that a rainfall of three inches, or rather of three and a-quarter inches, as now officially reported for a recent storm, is equivalent to about 88,250 gallons to the square acre, or 56,480,000 gallons to the square mile—enough to fill 1,412,000 forty-gallon barrels. Estimating the weight of this enormous rainfall at the old accepted rate of a pint to a pound, we find it to be 225,920 tons, or almost three times the weight of the Washington Monument. This to a single square mile, remember. Those who may feel a further interest in the matter can, without great difficulty, approximate the number of tons and barrels of water which fell in the ten miles square of the original District of Columbia, and before they get through ciphering they will come to the conclusion that a three and a-quarter inch rainfall is a decidedly wet and an amazingly heavy one. The Prohibitionists may certainly conclude that Providence is on their side.—*Washington Critic.*

Undigested Food.

In the stomach develops an acid which stings the upper part of the throat and palate, causing "heartburn." It also evolves a gas which produces "wind on the stomach," and a feeling and appearance of distension in that organ after eating. For both this acidity and swelling Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is a much better remedy than alkaline salts, like hartshorn and carbonate of soda. A wineglassful of the Bitters, after or before dinner, will be found to act as a reliable carminative or preventive. This fine specific for dyspepsia, both in its acute and chronic form, also prevents and cures malarial fever, constipation, liver complaint, kidney troubles, nervousness and debility. Persons who observe in themselves a decline of vigor should use this fine tonic without delay.

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Mr. D. I. Wilcoxon, of Horse Cave, Ky., says he was for many years badly afflicted with Phthisic also Diabetes; the pains were almost unendurable, and would sometimes almost throw him into convulsions. He tried Electric Bitters, and got relief from the first bottle, and after taking six bottles was entirely cured, and had gained in flesh about eighteen pounds. Says he positively believes he would have died had it not been for the relief afforded by Electric Bitters. Sold at fifty cents a bottle by E. James.

NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

—If Irishmen would put discord behind them until they could sow and reap the harvest of concord, they would not have long to wait.

Stated by H. B. Cochran, druggist Lancaster, Pa., "Have guaranteed over 300 bottles of Burdock Blood bitters for dyspepsia, sour stomach, billous attacks, liver and kidney troubles."

—Lord Palmerson's good humor as a distinct element of his character is well known. We find it even during his last illness, when his physician was forced to mention death. "Die, my dear doctor," he exclaimed, "that is the last thing I shall do."

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—It is related that an Oil City dog, who wouldn't or couldn't, get out of the way of an oncoming freight train, calmly lay down between two ties, hugging the earth as closely as possible, until the train had passed over him, when he got up and scampered away, wagging his tail in a knowing manner.

—Emma Reynold's mother rushed into a residence at Atlanta one day last week and prevented the Rev. Mr. Flood from marrying the girl to M. N. Blair. The ceremony was half completed when interrupted. The mother objected to the marriage on account of the youth of the parties.

—Sells Bros.' circus exhibited at Edina, Mo., on Thursday of last week, and an immense crowd was in attendance at the afternoon performance, which had just begun, when a tremendous wind storm came up, tearing the immense canvass from the poles. The whole fell to the ground, burying great numbers of men, women and children beneath the canvass, creating a panic which resulted in a number of persons being seriously injured. Two women had their legs broken.

—Another smart American woman has been discovered. She lives in Washington Territory, and her name is Mrs. Annette Wynne. This lady is the proprietress of a fine farm, which contains 420 acres, much of it in a state of cultivation. Here she conducts a stock and diary business, all the work being done under her supervision. She is also owner of a large number of town lots in Tacoma, the business connected with which she personally attends to.

—Victoria's dislike for Gladstone is said by the St. Stephen's *Gazette* to date back to the passage of the Irish church disestablishment bill in 1868. The queen expressed to Gladstone her aversion to the essential principle of the bill, and he replied: "But madam, you must sign." The queen flushed and rejoined with indignation: "Sir, do you know who I am?" "Yes, madam, the queen of England. But does your majesty know who I am? I am the people of England."

—In a camp of gypsies near Lynchburg, Va., the Queen of the camp, Annie Costello, died on Thursday of last week of typhoid-fever. She was the daughter of the fortune-teller of the camp and a great favorite. She had the best medical attention of Lynchburg physicians. Her body was embalmed and placed in a coffin costing $250, and sent to Elizabeth, N. J., for burial. These gypsies are thrifty, and their meals are served on solid silver ware. There are fifteen in the camp.

—One day last week, a Xenia, O., young man was in Dayton on business, and, while standing on Third street bridge, amused himself winking at the factory girls as they passed on their way home. It was fun for him, until a little "sawed off" German girl passed, when he winked at her and said, "Hello, Dutchy." "Vot's dot?" she said, and handing her dinner basket to her little sister, grappled with him, and into the canal that Xenia dude went ker plunk.

—There is great excitement at Logansport, Ind., over the forcible abduction and probable murder of Miss Luella Mabitt. Last week Amos Green, a rejected suitor for Miss Mabitt's hand, drove in a carriage to the home of the young woman seized the young woman forcibly, placed her in the vehicle and carried her off. Green returned to his home next morning, turned his horse loose and disappeared. Miss M. has not been seen since the night of the abduction, and as Green had threatened to take her life, it is believed that she has been murdered.

—General Christopher C. Augur, on the retired list of the army, was shot and wounded four times in front of his residence in Washington, by a colored rough named William Pope, about 1 o'clock Sunday morning. Pope and another fellow were using indecent language in front of the general's house, and he opened the door and ordered them away. A volley of coarse epithets was the reply, when the general struck Pope on the head with a light cane. Pope then drew a pistol and fired. The general's wounds are not consideren dangerous.

—Buffalo Bill is the claimant of property valued at $15,000,000 situated in the heart of Cleveland. There are 400 defendents to the suit, including Mr. McAndrews, of the Standard Oil Company, who built a magnificent mansion, which is placed half on the ground claimed claimed by Cody. Joe Jefferson also has a mansion on the grounds. The suit is pending in the United States Courts. Cody's grandfather bought 167 acres of land which a son deeded to outside parties, forging, it is charged, his father's signature. Officers of compromise have been made but declined by Mr. Cody.

—The Rome correspondent of the London *Standard* says that the alarming reports about the Pope are without foundation. Leo XIII has occupied the Papal chair a little more than eight years, having been elected to it at the ripe age of 68, after the death of Pius IX. The latter reached the age of 86, and had been at the head of the Roman Catholic church thirty-two years, the longest pontificate in history. The Holy Father suffers from an affliction of the bladder, the result of his long confinement in the Vatican, but his malady, though grave, causes no more alarm to-day than it did a month ago.

—Senator Stanford, of California, has a parrot which cost him several hundred dollars, and is a wonderfully educated bird. It speaks four languages—English, French, German and Italian. The strange part of it is that the parrot, as soon as he hears any-one speak, knows in what language to address the person. For a long time no one knew that the parrot spoke Italian, until one day an Italian artist came to the house to do some work, and the parrot heard him talk. At once the bird started off to jabber Italian, and had quite a conversation with the man. It always talks German to the German servant and French to the French maid.

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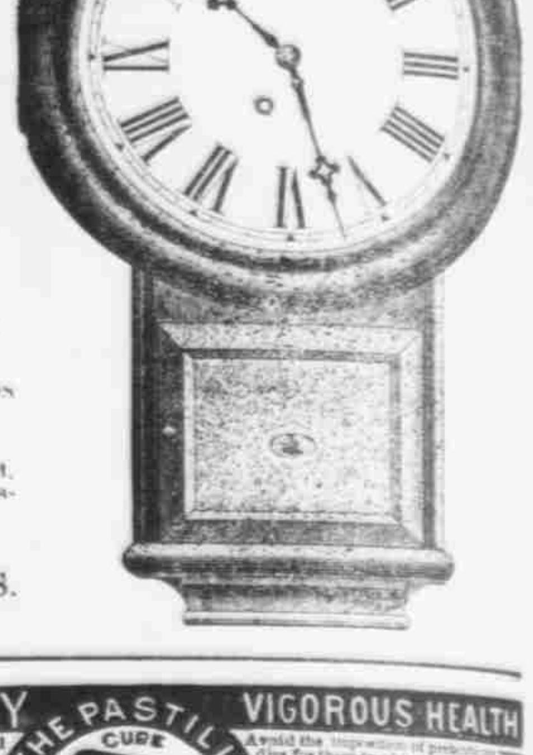

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—Studies will be resumed at St. Francis' ege, Loretto, on Monday, September,

—Go to J. & H. A. Shoemaker for your e wrought iron fencing.

—General William S. Rosecrans, Regis- of the Treasury, is stopping at Maple

—Go to J. & H. A. Shoemaker for your phate. They deal only in first class ds.

—If you want to vote in November you st register before the 2nd of September. ar this in mind.

—Go to J. & H. A. Shoemaker for pure nd bone dust for buckwheat, wheat and

—Buy your white lead, paints, or any of oils at Barkers', who always have argest stock.

—Go to J. & H. A. Shoemaker for your tions and repairs for the Walter A. Wood wers.

—V. S. Barker & Bros. have the best ci- r mills for sale. Don't fail to look at m before buying.

—A valuable cow belonging to Mr. C. H. ie died on Tuesday night, of wolf in s tail and hollow horn.

—McDonald at Loretto, Pa., wants 2,000 s of tub washed wool, for which he will ay cash if desired.

—Mrs. Dr. Plank, of Christiana, Lancas- r county, and her children, are visiting r mother, Mrs. Susan Roberts.

—V. S. Barker & Bros. have accepted the ency of the Little Giant sulky plow. ll at their store and see it.

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—You can buy Mason's, Lightning, Co- mbia and Woodbury jars as well as tin ns, jelly glasses or plain tumblers at Bar- ers'.

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—A full line of tablets, paper, pens, pencils and inks at Davison's drug store.

—Associate Judges Flanagan and Masters, of Johnstown, were to be seen on our streets on Tuesday. They were getting things in shape to get their quarterly pay.

—Escaping natural gas at the Black Diamond Steel Works in Pittsburg was ignited on Sunday, and before the flames were subdued the buildings were damaged $75,000.

—Go to J. & H. A. Shoemaker for your sections and repairs for the Tiger mowers, the John P. Manny mowers and the Johnston mowers and reapers.

—Go to J. & H. A. Shoemaker to buy new mowers, reapers and twine binders. They have the best and will sell cheaper for the same quality of machines.

—Greensburg's latest sensation is a large eagle which has been seen several times recently soaring above the fair grounds but manages to keep safely out of gun-shot range.

—The miners at South Fork went to work on Monday at an advance of two cents per ton, making the price thirty-seven cents, the miners to receive no pay for "dead" work.

—A base ball pitcher, who recently struck out twenty-seven men in a game, says the secret of curve pitching can be learned by watching a woman trying to hit a chicken with a stone.

LOST.—On Monday evening last a small linked gold watch chain was lost somewhere on the streets of Ebensburg. A suitable reward will be given for its return to this office.

—John Minahan, of Johnstown, father of the policeman, John Minahan, who was murdered by Micky Smith, died at his home in Minersville, a suburb of Johnstown, on Tuesday morning.

—It is estimated that the annual revenue from the 2-cent tax on the oleomargarine would amount to $1,000,000. This is on the basis of a home consumption of 50,000,000 pounds, and is a low estimate. The reports of oleomargarine last year amounted to 38,-000,000 pounds. The total production of butter in the United States in 1880 was 777,- 250,2[illegible] pounds.

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Cresson and Coalport R. R. Schedule.

LEAVES—NORTHWARD.

	Mail A. M.	Exp. P. M.	Mixed P. M.
Cresson,	9.16	1.45	4.32
Wildwood,	9.27	2.03	4.50
Dawson,	9.32	2.06	5.03
Amsbry,	9.42	2.17	5.14
Ashville,	9.50	2.25	5.22
Burnt Mills,	9.57	2.32	5.31
Dysarts,	10.00	2.37	5.38
Condron,	10.04	2.41	5.41
Dean,	10.08	2.45	5.46
Frugality,	10.17	2.54	5.57
Fallen Timber,	10.25	3.03	6.08
Flynn City,	10.34	3.12	6.18
Coalport,	10.43	3.22	6.30
Rosebud,	10.45	3.24	6.33
Irvona,	10.45	3.24	6.40

LEAVES SOUTHWARD.

	Mail A. M.	Exp. P. M.	Mixed A. M.
Irvona,	11.00	3.40	5.00
Rosebud,	11.05	3.46	5.08
Coalport,	11.07	3.48	5.12
Flyn City,	11.16	3.57	5.26
Fallen Timber,	11.25	4.07	5.41
Frugality,	11.33	4.15	5.54
Dean,	11.42	4.25	6.08
Condron,	11.46	4.30	6.14
Dysart,	11.50	4.33	6.21
Burnt Mills,	11.54	4.37	6.26
Ashville,	12.00	4.45	6.33
Amsbry,	12.08 P. M.	3.26	7.18
Dawson,	12.18	5.03	7.02
Wildwood,	12.22	5.07	7.07
Cresson,	12.40	5.25	7.30

—Home-made tin fruit cans, also Mason and Union jars at Huntley's.

—Upon petition of the County Commissioners, the Indiana Court has reduced the compensation to be paid the Sheriff for boarding prisoners from fifty to twenty-five cents per day.

—On last Saturday night a thief entered the house of Mr James Barbour, of East Conemaugh, and stole his watch. The watch is an Elgin National numbered 685,502, and the case marked 2,779.

—The Americus cider-mill can be bought very low at Huntley's Hardware store.

—A rattlesnake measuring 7 feet 2 inches in length and thirteen inches around the body was killed near the Summit house, in the mountains of Fayette county, a few days ago. It had 19 rattles.

—Biggest bargain in dress goods at Barkers' this week. A whole lot of nice goods which formerly sold at 25, 30 and 35c. all reduced to 15c. per yard in order to close out and make room for new goods.

—Parker's Tonic kept at home is a sentinel to keep sickness out. Used discreetly, it keeps the blood pure, and the stomach, liver and kidneys in working order. Coughs and colds vanish before it. It builds up the health. No wise mother will be without it.

—The following named persons can each get a letter by calling at the Ebensburg postoffice: Mrs. Mary Reese, Mrs. R. L. Edwards, Miss Flora Edmiston, Mr. John Suttley, Mr. J. Williams, Sam. McGuire (2) and Mr. Thomas Griffith.

—Under the sworn statement clause of the new tax law, one Pittsburg millionaire returns $90,000 more money at interest in 1886 than all of Allegheny county returned in 1885, the county's total being $17,178,356, against $1,109,762 last year.

—We have one Pennsylvania grain drill, and combined Ohio drill, one sulky plow, one light one horse spring wagon, one Conklin wagon, which we want to sell. If in need of any of them call and see us.

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—Somerset has four ladies born within its borders who have attained great age. They are Mrs. Connelly, aged 97; Mrs. Baer, mother of Judge Baer, about 87; Mrs. Pyle, mother of ex-Sheriff Pyle, 88, and Mrs. Charlotte Ogle, mother of Mrs Ed. Scull, 87.

—The Gallitzin Cornet Band paid our town a visit on Friday evening and remained until 3 p. m. on Saturday. During their stay they enlivened our town by their rendition of a number of fine selections of music, and our citizens will be glad to have them call often.

—The Thirty-second annual exhibition of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society will be held on the new and permanent grounds of the society, North Broad street and Lehigh avenue, Philadelphia, from Monday, September 6th, to Saturday, September 18, inclusive, Sunday excepted.

—Brother Beno, of St. Vincent's Monastery, Westmoreland county, while strolling through a shady grove near Lycippus, with a party of friends, on Friday, was bitten on the thumb by a copperhead snake. A physician was promptly summoned and he is recovering.

—Mrs. John W. Trabert was instantly killed on the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Johnstown, on Monday afternoon. She was picking up coal and had gone under a standing car to get a lump when the car was started and she was caught with her neck on the track and instantly killed.

—The Conference of the A. M. E. Zion church is in session at Pittburg. At Monday afternoon's session Rev. N. Stubbs, of Washington, D. C., made a stirring address on intemperence. At the evening session Rev. W. N. Knox, of Hollidaysburg, was expelled from the conference for alleged drunkenness.

—A prominent physician says that a great deal of what passes for heart disease is only mild dyspepsia, that nervousness is commonly bad temper, and that two-thirds of the so called malaria is nothing but laziness. Possibly he doesn't tell his patients so, but there is no doubt a good deal of truth in what he says.

—William Miffley, a Westmoreland county constable, is in jail at Claremont on charges of assault, robbery and extortion. He was sent to arrest Cyrus Allshouse, whom he terrified with a revolver, and then went through his pockets. Subsequently he frightened Allshouse's parents into giving him $45. Allshouse had obtained money under false pretenses.

A Cambria Iron Company brakeman named James Eckels was thrown from a mooving train loaded with cinder on Saturday night of last week, and had both legs ground off. The maimed limbs were afterwards amputated by Dr. W. B. Lowman near the knees, and it is thought the man will recover. He resided near the old Cambria Furnace and has a wife but no children.

—Rev. J. B. Kidder a prominent and respected minister of the Baptist church, aged 82 years, fell into an open well, on Monday, at Huntingdon, on the premises of his son-in law, General F. H. Lane, with whom he lives, and sustained injuries from which he may not recover. His shoulder is dislocated, the bones of his ankle broken, his face badly bruised and lacerated, and other parts of his body badly cut. Mr. Kidder is a man of great learning, and is prominent in educational matters as well as in the ministry.

He was for many years principal of the academy at Shirleysburg, Huntingdon county, writes in seven languages, and is the author of an English grammar which is just ready to be placed in the hands of the publisher.

—Another car-load of phosphate just arrived which is free from any make up weights or adulterations of any kind. It has given the best of satisfaction to all who have used it. Call and get a load and you will never regret it. For sale at Huntley's.

—A great many people who were spending the summer at the seashore are now leaving and coming to the mountains. The principal reason for their coming is that they may be close to John Owens' store on High street where they can get dry goods, dress goods, boots and shoes, groceries and provisions at bottom prices.

—On Wednesday night of last week during the thunder storm lightning struck the cider press on the farm of William J. Pryce, about four miles north of Ebensburg. About ten thousand shingles were piled near the press and caught on fire. It required every effort of the family to extinguish the fire and prevent it from reaching the barn which was in close proximity.

—Wheat is a splendid crop in this county. The yield is extraordinay; on an average one dozen sheaves of good bind yield a bushel, and our best farmers get forty bushels per acre; but it has got pretty near down to the Democratic price, seventy-five cents per bushel. It may yet fall to sixty-two and a half, or even as low as fifty-six cents per bushel.—*Greensburg Tribune.*

—The Huntingdon *Local News* says that Isaac Long, of Henderson township, has a four-legged chicken, which was hatched a few weeks ago. Two of the legs and feet are natural; the other two extend from the thighs about an inch. One of the feet is well formed, with three toes; the other has only two toes. Isaac prizes his curiosity highly, and will give it extra care and food.

—On Monday afternoon John Kelly, a lad aged 13 years, attempted to board extra freight No. 279 east, at the viaduct one mile west of South Fork. He was thrown under the train and horribly mangled. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and died in a few minutes. The boy was a son of John Kelly, of Mineral Point. The remains were sent to Mineral Point on Tuesday evening.

—The election will take place on the first Tuesday of November, being the 2nd day of the month, and no man can vote, even if he possesses all the other legal qualifications, unless he is registered or assessed *sixty* days before that time. This is a matter that every voter ought to attend to without fail before the 2nd of September. If he neglects it he will lose his vote. Go to the Assessor, therefore, and see whether he has registered your name, and if he has not be sure that he does so before you leave him.

—James Redding, of Altoona, a fourteen-year-old son of Mr. Cornelius Redding, received fatal injuries at Kittanning Point on Monday afternoon last, while attempting to board a moving freight train. He, in company with several other boys, had been picking berries, and when they had their buckets full intended to jump a freight train and return home. He was thrown under the wheels and two cars passed over him, badly crushing his left leg and also cutting his left leg and face. He was taken to his home in Altoona where he died the same evening.

—Benjamin Stake, of Clay township, Huntingdon county, is lying dangerously ill of a strange disease resembling erysipelas, or blood-poisoning. A few days ago one of his hogs died, and he was curious to know what ailed it. Accordingly, he opened the animal, and in doing so got some of the blood in a sore on his right hand. The member immediately became inflamed and swollen. The swelling continued until the hand bursted, and yesterday the swelling had reached the shoulder and was crossing the breast. No hopes were entertained of his recovery.

—A meeting of the committee appointed to arrange for the reunion of the men employed on the old canal was held at Livermore on last Thursday. Rodgers' Grove at Nineveh was selected as the place, and Thursday, Sept. 9th as the time, for the reunion. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Thos. Gore, Johnstown; Vice President, H. C. Van Horn, Indiana county; Secretary, Irvin Rutledge, Johnstown, Treasurer, Wm. Trimble Indiana county. The Secretary was directed to procure a book and enroll thereon the names of all old boatmen, exacting an enrollment fee of fifty cents. A committee for arrangements for the reunion, and a committee on transportation and railroad rates were appointed. Hon. James Potts, of Johnstown, will probably be the orator of the occasion.

—Godey's Lady's Book for September is a particularly handsome number. The opening illustration is an especialy fine process cut entitled "Papa's Pocketbook" showing a chubby little one intent upon putting up dollie's curls with the bank notes found in book; this is from a French picture, a companion to the one given last month. The fashions in colors and black show all the latest novelties for early autumn. A pretty colored work design, and numerous black ones delight the lovers of needle work. A serial entitled "A Wave o' the Sea" from the pen of the popular and favorite author Miss Marian Reeves, is commenced in this number and promises to be unusually attractive. Emily Lennox contributes a bright little story called "Jacob." The Coronet of Thorns," by J. V. Pritchard, is completed; this has proved of thrilling interest to the readers of Godey for the past six months. "Gardeen," by Elizabeth Ingram Hubbard, "Daisy Lovell," by Saidee Betts Smith, "The Great Scamperton Fair," by L. A. Corry, and numerous other stories. Several good poems adorn the number among which is "A September Sunrise," by George Birdseye. "The marriage of Coeur de Lion," by Mary G. Young, "When Last I Saw You," by Minnie MacArthur and others. The whole completing a number of more than usual excellence. W. E. Striker, publisher, Phila., Penn. Price $2.00 per year.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Convention which met at Harrisburg, on Wednesday, nominated Lieutenant Governor, Chauncey F. Black of York county, for Governor; R. Bruce Ricketts, of Luzerne county, for Lieutenant Governor; J. Simpson Africa, of Huntingdon county, for Secretary of Internal affairs; William J. Brennan, of Allegheny county, for Auditor General; and Maxwell Stevenson, of Philadelphia, for Congressman-at-large.

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No New Application Needed.

The Pension Office, Washington, has issued a circular giving the full text of the act of Congress approved August 4, 1886, amending the pension laws by increasing the pensions of soldiers and sailors who have lost an arm or leg in the service, and saying: "Under the provisions of this act the pensions of those who have actually lost an arm or a leg will be increased without subjecting claimants to the expense or trouble of an application. It has been found impracticable to pursue the same course in the cases of many of those who have not actually lost a leg or an arm, but who claim to suffer a total disability in the same; also, in the cases of those who claim to be unable to wear an artifical limb. Many of these will require medical examinations to determine whether the claimant is entitled to the increased rate under the provisions of said act. While the regulations of the office governing the claims for increase under the above act have not yet been fully matured and adopted, it is the intention to settle all cases of the several classes contemplated by the act at the earliest practicable moment. No correspondence on the part of claimants is necessary or desirable."

The Grangers' Picnic at Williams Grove.

The thirteenth annual picnic and exhibition of Patrons of Husbandry will be held at Williams Grove, Cumberland county, Pa., commencing August 30th and continuing six days. The exhibition will be the largest ever held under the auspices of the society. It is expected that over 150,000 practical farmers, representing not less than twenty-five States, will attend the meeting, and prominent agriculturalists, statesmen and governors will deliver lectures and addresses. The display of agricultural machinery, horticultural and farm products, stock and poultry, will be large and imposing. The grounds will be illuminated with electric light in the evenings, when there will be music, balloon ascensions, and other amusements. Several restaurants on the grounds will furnish refreshments.

For the benefit of those who desire to attend, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will, on August 30th, 31st, September 1st, 2d and 3d, sell excursion tickets to Williams Grove, good to return until September 6th, inclusive, from Cresson at $4.87 for the round trip.

Miraculous Escape.

W. W. Reed, druggist of Winchester, Ind., writes: "One of my customers, Mrs. Louisa Pike, Bartonia, Randolph Co., Ind., was a long sufferer with Consumption, and was given up to die by her physicians. She heard of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and began buying it of me. In six months' time she walked to this city, a distance of six miles, and is now so much improved she has quit using it. She feels she owes her life to it."

Free Trial Bottles at E. James' Drug Store.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

The following marriage licenses were issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court for the week ending Wednesday, August 20, 1886:

William H. Statler and Annie Gregg, Johnstown.

Joseph Springer, Barr township, and Lizzie Fronk, Blacklick township.

James Wirtner, Carrolltown, and Mary Myers, Gallitzin township.

Thomas Marshal and Elizabeth Barry, Millville.

Joseph Bertram, Carrolltown, and Ada Yost, Carroll township.

William Miller, Blacklick township, and Ada D. Michaels, Pine township, Indiana county.

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Simmons Liver Regulator is one of the most meritorious and popular preparations offered to the public. It is entirely free from injurious mineral substances, and as a vegetable preparation made of southern roots and herbs it is a sovereign remedy for all liver and bowel complaints. The merits of this remedy commend it to the public as a standard to be kept constantly in the family. It has the most unqualified endorsement of thousands of our most prominent citizens in all parts of the country, who have used it and testify to its excellent medical and curative properties.

Important to Farmers.

The Horse Shoe brand of fertilizers of Chicago, all bone, blood and meat, is constantly kept on hand and for sale at Ebensburg and Carrolltown. I will be at the shed or at J. A. & T. B. O'Hara's office, Ebensburg, every Saturday to fill orders.

A. SCHETTIG, or
A. ECKENRODE,
Carrolltown, Pa.

Hay Fever

Ely's Cream Balm was recommended to me by my druggist as a preventive to hay fever. Have been using it as directed, and have found it a specific for that much dreaded and loathsome disease. For ten years or more I have been a great sufferer each year, from August 9th till frost, and have tried many alleged remedies for its cure, put Ely's Cream Balm is the only preventive I have found. Hay fever sufferers ought to know of its efficacy. F. B. Ainsworth, of F. B. Ainsworth & Co., Publishers, Indianapolis, Ind.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Public Sale
-OF-
VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

The undersigned will expose to public sale on the premises in Cambria township, on TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1886, at 2 o'clock, P. M., the following described real estate, viz:

A piece or parcel of land situate in Cambria township, Cambria county, adjoining lands of Obadiah Reese, heirs of Peter Scanlan, deceased, and others, containing 60 acres, more or less, about 30 acres cleared, having thereon erected a TWO STORY BRICK DWELLING HOUSE and a FRAME BANK BARN.

Terms will be made known on day of sale.

JOSEPH HOGUE,
Adm'r *d. b. n. c. t. a.* of Teresa Scanlan, dec'd.
Loretto, Pa., Aug. 20.-2t

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Charles Tomlinson and Ellen C., his wife, of Allegheny township, Cambria county, have made an assignment to the undersigned of all the property of said Charles Tomlinson in trust for the benefit of his creditors. All persons indebted to said Charles Tomlinson are notified to make payment without delay, and those having claims against him will present them, properly authenticated for settlement to

F. D. SAUPP,
Assignee of Charles Tomlinson, Et. ux.
Loretto, Pa., Aug. 20, 1886.-6t.

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE.—Letters of administration *de bonis non cum testamento annexo* on the estate of Teresa Scanlan, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are notified to make payment without delay, and those having claims against the same will present the same properly authenticated for settlement to

JOSEPH HOGUE,
Adm'r *d. b. n. c. t. a.* of Teresa Scanlan, dec'd.
Loretto, Pa., Aug. 20, 1886.-6t

COURT PROCLAMATION.—WHEREAS, The Hon. Robert L. Johnston President of the Court of Common Pleas of the 47th Judicial District, consisting of the County of Cambria, and the Hon. John Flanagan and the Hon. Joseph Masters, Associate Judges of Cambria county, having issued their precept bearing date the *7th day of June, 1886,* to me directed, for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery and Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in Ebensburg, for the County of Cambria, and to commence on the FIRST MONDAY OF SEPTEMBER, being the sixth day of September, 1886, and to continue two weeks.

Notice is hereby given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace, Aldermen and Constables of said County of Cambria, that they be then and there in their proper persons at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, with their records, inquisitions, examinations and their own remembrances, to do those things which to their offices appertain to be done, and those who are bound in recognizances to prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of Cambria County, be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

Given under my hand at Ebensburg the 9th day of August, in the year of our Lord 1886, and the one hundred and tenth year of the Independence of the United States.

JOSEPH A. GRAY, Sheriff.
Ebensburg, Aug 13, 1886.-4t.

Sheriff's Sales

BY Virtue of Sundry Writs of Fieri Facias, and Vend Expon issued out of the Court of Common Pleas and to me directed there will be exposed to Public Sale at the Court House in Ebensburg, Pa. on

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1886,

at ONE o'clock, P. M., the following Real Estate, to wit:

All the right, title and interest of M. B. McLaughlin and Margaret, his wife, of, in and to all that certain lot of ground situated in Washington township, Cambria county, Pa., fronting on the Portage Rail Road on the east, and running back to P. R. R. on the west, adjoining lot of Wm. Doran on the north and lot of John. H. Clark on the south, having thereon erected a two story frame house and outbuildings now in the occupancy of M. B. McLaughlin.

Also all that certain lot of ground situate in Washington township, Cambria county, Pa., fronting on Portage Railroad on the west and running back to land of M. A. Quartz on the north and lot of John A. Clark on the South, having thereon erected a frame stable, now in the occupancy of M. B. McLaughlin.

Also all that certain lot of ground situated in the borough of Gallitzin, Cambria county, Pa., fronting on Tunnelhill st. on the south and running back to an alley on the north, and adjoining lot of Rich'd Denny on the west and street on the east, having thereon erected a blacksmith shop now in the occupancy of John Kaylor. Taken in Execution and to be sold at the suit of Joseph Gutwald.

Also all the right, title and interest of Henry D. Rager, of, in and to all that certain tract of land situated in Jackson township, Cambria county, Pa., adjoining land of B. Figart on the north, Mrs. Sarah Leidy, Nathaniel Singer and others on the east and land of Jacob Reighard on the west, containing about one hundred and seventy-nine acres, more or less, about one hundred acres cleared, having thereon erected a one and one-half story log house now in the occupancy of Daniel Rager.

Also a one and one-half story plank house now in the occupancy of Chas. McKeel.

Also a one and one half story plank house now in the occupancy of Jas. McKeel.

Also a one and one-half story plank and log house now in the occupancy of Frank D. Graw. Taken in Execution and to be sold at the suit of Jonathan Custer.

Also all the right, title and interest of Evan J. Michaels of, in and to all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Carroll township, Cambria county, Pa., adjoining land of David Owens, Sebastian Luther, Thos. Meisel, estate of Jacob Zern and others containing one hundred acres more or less, about ninety acres of which are cleared, having thereon erected a one and one-half story frame house and frame barn now in the occupancy of John Fees. Taken in Execution and to be sold at the suit of Samuel Griffith and W. R. Filler, Esq., executors of Daniel Griffith, dec'd.

Also all the right, title and interest of John Sloan of, in and to all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the borough of Summitville, Cambria county, Pa., fronting on the Loretto and Cresson pike on the south-west and E. & C. Road on the north, and John Hines on the north west, containing nine acres, and having thereon erected a one story plank house and plank stable, now in the occupancy of John Sloan. Taken in Execution and to be sold at the suit of Gottlieb Pfiester.

Also, all the right, title and interest of John Burns of, in and to all that certain lot of ground situate in the borough of Tunnelhill, Cambria county, Pa., fronting on Portage street on the south, and running back to land of James McCloskey on the west adjoining lot of Frank M. Bradley on the east, and Henry McDade on the west, having thereon erected a two-story frame house, a one-story shop and a plank stable, now in the occupancy of John Burns. Taken in execution and ty be sold at the suit of Jacob Lusch.

Also, all the right, title and interest of James Flanagan of, in and to all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Barr township, Cambria county, Pa., beginning at the corner in the western line, thence south 270 perches more or less to a post or maple, thence south, 65 degrees east, 58 perches more or less to a spruce, thence north, 25 degrees east, 243 perches more or less to the corner of the division line, as established and marked on the ground between Michael G. Snyder and Joseph Miller, thence along the said division line north, 65 degrees west, 162 perches more or less, to the place of beginning; containing 158 acres, 80 perches and allowance. Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of J. A. Kennedy.

Sheriff's Sales.

By virtue of sundry writs of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria county, and to me directed, there will be exposed to Public Sale at the Mansion House, in Johnstown, on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th, 1886,

at one P. M., the following Real Estate, to wit:

All the right, title and interest of W. J. Woleslagle of, in and to all that certain lot of ground situate in the borough of Wilmore, Cambria county, Pa., fronting on the east side of Main st., and extending back to Pine alley, having lot No. (18) eighteen on the north, and Walnut street on the south and known on the plan of said borough as lot No. (20) twenty, having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling house and store room and fame stable and other outbuildings, now in the occupancy of W. H. Robertson and J. C. Moreland. Taken in Execution and to be sold at the suit of Mrs. Susan Kern.

Also, all the right, title and interest of Patrick Connell of, in and to all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of East Taylor, Cambria county, Pa., fronting on the Ebensburg and Johnstown road on the west, and running back to an alley on the east, and adjoining lot of Thomas McGovern on the south, and Rodger McAnally on the north containing one acre, having thereon erected a two-story plank house and other outbuildings, now in the occupancy of Patrick Connell. Taken in Execution and to be sold at the suit of the Commissioners of Cambria county.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid when the property is knocked down, and the remaining two-thirds on confirmation of the deed.

JOSEPH A. GRAY, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office,
Ebensburg, Aug. 7, 1886.

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TRIAL LIST.—Sept. Term, 1886.
SECOND WEEK.

Use Porter Kinports	vs.	Mechling
Freidnoff	vs.	Washington Twp.
Bennett	vs.	Bering
Ludwig	vs.	Cambria Iron Co.
Miller	vs.	Glass
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H. A. SHOEMAKER,
Prothonotary.
Proth'ys Office, Aug. 9, 1886.

TRIAL LIST.—3d Monday in Sep. '86
Special Term.

Jackson J. S. Oil Co.	vs.	Glenn
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Same	vs.	Same
Bebe et al	vs.	Bebe et al
Same	vs.	Same
Richardson	vs.	Luther

H. A. SHOEMAKER,
Prothonotary.
Proth'y's Office, Aug 9, 1886.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following accounts have been filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria county, Pa., and will be confirmed by said Court on the first Monday of September next unless cause be shown to the contrary:

First and final account of C. D. Wharton, assignee of Cooper & Mellon.

First and final account of Otis Lloyd, assignee of Rees Jno. Lloyd and Evaline H., his wife, in trust for benefit of creditors.

First and final account of John J. Devlin, assignee of Patrick Heneghan.

H. A. SHOEMAKER, Proth'y.
Ebensburg, Aug. 11, 1886-3t.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration *de bonis non cum testamento annexo* on the estate of M. M. Adams, late of the township of Washington, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are notified to make payment without delay, and those having claims against the same will present them properly authenticated for settlement to

MRS. MARY ADAMS.
R. DEVERAUX,
Adm'rs *d. b. n. c. t. a.* of M. M.
Ebensburg, Pa., July 30 6t. Adams, dec,d.

LOST.—Strayed from the subscriber residing in Gallitzin, Cambria county, about the middle of July, seven head of beef cattle described as follows: 1 large white spotted steer, 1 large white spotted heifer, 1 large red heifer, 1 middle sized red steer with white back, 1 kind of a yellow steer, a small red muley heifer and 1 steer the color between a red and white.

Gallitzin, July 25, '86. Charles Anstatt.

NOTICE.—To the Heirs and Legal Representatives of Susan Samuels, dec'd.

TAKE NOTICE that an Inquest will be held at the late residence of Susan Samuels, deceased, in the borough of Johnstown, in the County of Cambria, on Saturday, the 4th day of September next, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon of that day, for the purpose of making partition of the real estate of said decedent among her heirs and legal representatives if the same can be done without prejudice to or spoiling of the whole; otherwise, to value and appraise the same according to law, at which time and place you are required to attend if you think proper.

JOSEPH A. GRAY, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Ebensburg, August 3, 1886.—3t

Orphans' Court Sale!
-OF-
VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Cambria county to me directed, I will expose to public sale at the premises, near foot of plane No. 3, in Washington township, Cambria County, on SATURDAY, AUGUST 21st, 1886, at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following described real estate, viz:

A piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Washington adjoining lands of Peter Moyers, Elizabeth McCafferty and others, containing FIFTY ACRES, more or less, being

Underlaid With Coal,

and having excellent water power on it. A portion of this piece or parcel of land will be sold in lots to suit the convenience of purchasers.

Also a piece or parcel of land situate in the village of No. 3, in Washington township, fronting on a new street running from a public road (West) through land of Wm. Tiley, dec,d, to old mill race, bounded on the East by lot of J. Maxwell and C. Wilson, on the West by land of Wm. Tiley, Jr., dec'd, and on the North by lot of Mrs. E. McCafferty, containing three lots of ground.

TERMS OF SALE—Ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale, one-third of the balance on confirmation of sale, one-third in six months and one third in one year. Deferred payments to bear interest and to be secured by judgment bond of the purchaser.

Joshua Aurandt,
Executor of the last Will and Testament of Wm. Tiley, dec'd.
Hemlock, Pa., July 30, 1886. 5t.

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Blairsville, Pa., Ladies' Seminary.

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July 23, 1886. Principal.

NOTICE.—In the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County.

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of June, A. D., 1886, the petition of Joseph L. Ferrel, Pres. and H. P. Kitter, Sec'y, was presented, representing "That the Cambria Mining and Manufacturing Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of this Commonwealth and that the said Company is the owner in fee of certain lands amounting to about five thousand acres situate in the county of Cambria, state of Pennsylvania, known as the Arent Sonman tract;

"That your petioners have recently discovered that there remains on record in the said county of Cambria a mortgage on a portion of the said lands, the said mortgage having been made by one John O'Neil on his undivided share in the lands aforesaid, to secure the payment of four thousand dollars ($4,000) to Emily Ogle William Postlethwaite and John Wilt, executors of Chas. Ogle, deceased, bearing date April 1, 1842, and recorded July 9, 1842, in Mortgage Book, Volume 2, page 73;

"That the petitioners have reason to believe that said mortgage has been paid, and that it remains unsatisfied on the records."

Whereupon the Court on the 7th day of June, 1886, ordained and directed the Sheriff of said county of Cambria to give notice by publication as directed by the act of Assembly to the said executors of Chas. Ogle, deceased, to appear on the first Monday of September term, 1886, and answer the said petition.

JOSEPH A. GRAY,
Aug. 6. 4t. Sheriff.

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The Fall Term Will Open

Monday, September 6, 1886.

Send for catalouge, order a room, and be on hand the first day and you will never regret your choice. Jul. 30, 3t.

L. H. Durling, A. M., Prin.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—In the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County. In the matter of the assigned estate of Hiram Crum, having been appointed auditor to distribute the fund in the hands of Jacob J. Weaver, assignee, arising from his first and partial account. Notice is hereby given that I will sit at my office in Ebensburg, on Tuesday, Aug 10th, 1886, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at which time and place all persons interested must present their claims or be debarred from coming in on said fund. T. W. DICK,
Ebensburg, July 23. Auditor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration *de bonis non cum testamento annexo* on the estate of William Callan, late of the township of Washington, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are notified to make payment without delay, and those having claims against the same will present them properly authenticated for settlement to A. W. BUCK,
Adm'r. *d. b. n. c. t. a.* of Wm.
Ebensburg, Pa., July 16-6t. Callan, dec'd.

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE!

The subscriber will sell at private sale, his farm in Allegheny township, Cambria county, adjoining lands of Valentine Bishop, Jos. Maloy and John Rose, containing

Seventy-Three ACRES,

About 56 acres cleared, having thereon erected a comfortable LOG HOUSE, and a good barn. The farm is in a good state of cultivation, well watered and has a good selection of fruit. For further particulars call on the subscriber on the premises

JOSEPH BILLER.
Allegheny twp., June 11, 1886.

Assignee's Sale!
—OF—
VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order of the Court of Common Pleas, of Cambria County, to me directed, I will offer at Public Sale, on the premises, at 1 o'clock, p. m., on

THURSDAY, AUG. 19, '86,

The following described real estate; all that certain piece or parcel of land situated partly in Lilly borough, and in Washington township, in said county, adjoining lands of Nicholas Bebe, Jeremiah McGonigle's estate, Mary McGough and others, remaining unsold of the assigned estate, of Prudence M. and Rachel C. George, containing about

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE ACRES,

Be the same more or less.

The above described piece of land is in great part improved, under cultivation, and has thereon erected a two-story

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

Stable and other outbuildings, and has an orchard of excellent fruit thereon. The above described land is situated in Lilly Borough and Washington township, convenient to the coal operations along the line of the road in those districts, and is

Underlaid With Coal

And for that alone is a very valuable property, in addition to its uses as a farming marketing property.

And the Assignee is further authorized by the order of Court to sell the property as a whole and to divide the same into parcels and lots. That he will on the day of sale offer certain lots to adjoin those already sold so that each purchaser can proure a desirable property. A plot or plan thereof can be seen by calling upon the Assignee or upon Wm. H. Sechler, his attorney, at Ebensburg.

TERMS OF SALE.—Five per cent. of the amount the property sells for to be paid when the property is struck down. The remainder of one-third when the sale or sales are confirmed, and the balance in two equal annual payments thereafter, to be secured by the bond and mortgage of the purchaser, with interest.

PETER P. GEORGE,
Assignee of Prudence M. & Rachael C. George.
Ebensburg, Pa., July 16, '86 ts.

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Pennsylvania Agricultural Works, York, Pa.
July 16-1m.

CAUTION NOTICE.

All persons are hereby cautioned and notified not to purchase from James F. Gallaher, or meddle in any way with a tract of land, in Reade township, Cambria county, Pa., known as a portion of the old Hugh Gallaher place, as the same belongs to me, and is subject to my order at any time. JAS. S. GALLAHER.
Fiske, Cambria Co., Pa., July 23, 1886-3t.

NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.—All persons holding Cambria county bonds of the issue of March 1st, 1882, for $500.00 each, from No. 111 to No. 140 both inclusive, are required to present the same for payment at the Treasurers office, Ebensburg, Pa., on September 1st, 1886, after which date interest will cease on said bonds.

JOHN KIRBY,
JAMES COSTLOW,
DAVID HAMILTON,
Com's. Office, Ebensburg, Pa., Commissioner
July 16th, 1886. —Attest.—
D. A McGough, clerk.

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July 2, 1886-1yr.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration *de bonis non cum testamento annexo* on the estate of James Parrish, deceased, late of Munster township, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are notified to make payment without delay, and those having claims against the same will present them properly authenticated for settlement to JAMES A. PARRISH,
Adm'r. *d. b. n. c. t. a.* of Jas.
Ebensburg, Pa., July 16-6t. Parrish, dec'd.

STRAYED.

Strayed away from the subscriber, at Jamestown, Portage twp., Cambria county, Pa., on the 5th day of June, 1886. A red cow, with a little white on belly a piece out of the under side of left ear, about eight years old. Any information regarding said cow will be suitably rewarded.

J. H. KENNEDY,
July 2. Portage P. O., Pa.

NOTICE.—To the Heirs and Legal Representatives of Francis X. Christy.

TAKE NOTICE That an inquest will be held at the late residence of Francis X. Christy, dec'd., in the township of Gallitzin, in the county of Cambria, on Monday, the 9th day of August next, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon of that day, for the purpose of making partition of the real estate of said decedent to and among his heirs and legal representatives, if the same can be done without prejudice to or spoiling of the whole; otherwise to value and appraise the same according to law, at which time and place you are required to attend if you think proper.

JOSEPH A. GRAY,
Sheriff's Office, Ebensburg, Sheriff.
Pa., July 16th, 1886.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—In the matter of the first and final account of Michael Bradley, executor of the last will and testament of M. C. Bradley, dec'd. The undersigned having been appointed auditor by the Orphans' Court, of Cambria county, Pa., to make distribution of the funds in the hands of said accountant. Notice is hereby given that I will sit at Arbitration room, in Court House, in Ebensburg, Cambria county, Pa., on Tuesday, August 10th, 1886, at ten o'clock, a. m., of said day, to discharge the duties of my appointment, when and where all persons interested may attend or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

H. H. MYERS,
Ebensburg, Pa., July 16 Auditor.

FARM FOR SALE!

A valuable farm situated in Allegheny township, Cambria county, about five miles from Ebensburg and two and one half miles from Loretto, adjoining lands of James Kaylor, W. S. Buck, and others containing

ABOUT 100 ACRES,

Having thereon erected a fine BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, large barn and all necessary outbuildings. The farm is in a fine condition, buildings all in good order and it will be sold on easy terms. For further particulars call on the undersigned on the premises.

June 4, 1886. M. L. DRISCOLL,

Ebensburg Fire Insurance Agency
T. W. DICK,
General Insurance Agent,
EBENSBURG, PA.

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A valuable Hotel property known as the Blair House, situated in the West ward of Ebensburg Pa. For further particulars call on or address the undersigned. JOHN A. BLAIR.
Ebensburg, May 17, 1886.

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D. M. CHUTE.
Ebensburg, October 24, 1884.

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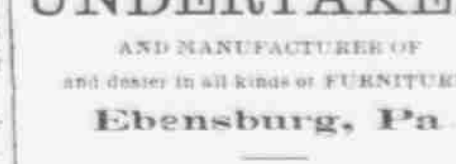

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G. HUNTLEY,
HIGH STREET, — — — EBENSBURG.

Effect of Blizzards on Cattle.

We have seen blizzards on the plains that swept through a man who was clad in heavy woolens and fur overgarments as though he were dressed in tarletane. We have known parties of buffalo hunters, men used to hardships, and whose stomachs were filled with buffalo marrow, and who were wrapped in blankets and robes, to freeze to death in their wagons, while endeavoring to escape from the unendurable, icy blasts of an Arctic blizzard. Cattle, weak and ill-fed on frost-bitten grass, disappear before these storms. They drift with the wind. As they pass by, the air is filled with the sound of their mournful moaning. They wander staggeringly along over the trackless plains, vainly endeavoring to find water with which to quench the intense thirst produced by exceedingly cold weather. The water holes are frozen. The weaker cattle drop out of the herd. They lie down to die. The snow drifts around them. They are freezing to death, and still are consumed by a raging fever. The wolves attack them as they lie on the frozen ground, unable to rise, unable to protect themselves. The cry of despair uttered by the wretched animals when they realize that the horrible death of being eaten by carnivorous animals is their doom, is an unearthly one. As the peculiar bellow of an animal when it finds the scent of the blood of one of its fellows upon the ground excites the herd with the information: "Here one of us has been slain," and renders them unmanageable, so does the death cry of a feeble cow frighten the drifting herd. They disappear down the wind. The wolves close in on the doomed animal. She struggles desperately to arise, but in vain. The hungry wolves attack her. They tear her open. They drag her entrails out and devour them before her eyes. She dies and the wolves pick her bones and then gallop after the herd.

True Business Principles.

It is as easy to be a rich man as a poor one. Half the energy displayed in keeping ahead that is required to catch up when behind, would save credit, give more time to attend to business, and add to the profit and reputation of those who work for gain.

Honor your engagement. If you promise to meet a man, or do a certain thing at a certain moment, be ready at the appointed time. If you go on business, attend promptly to matters on hand, and then go as promptly about your own business.

Do not stop to tell stories in business hours.

If you have a place of business, be found there when wanted. No man can get rich by sitting around stores. Never "fool" on business matters. Have order, system, regularity, liberality and promptness. Do not meddle with business you know nothing of. Never buy an article that you do not need, simply because it is cheap, and the man who sells it will take it out in trade. Trade is money. Strive to avoid harsh words and personalities. Do not kick every stone in your path; more miles can be made in a day by going steadily on than by stopping to kick. Pay as you go. A man of honor respects his word as he does his bond. Aid, but never beg.—Help others when you can, but never give what you cannot afford simply because it is fashionable. Learn to say "no." No necessity for snapping it out dog-fashion, but say it firmly and respectfully. Have but few confidants, and the fewer the better. Use your own brains rather than the brains of others. Learn to think and act for yourself. Be vigilant. Keep ahead rather than behind the times.

Young man, cut this out, and if there be folly in the argument, let us know.

Intelligence of Wasps.

The greatest display of wasp intelligence I ever saw was manifested by a queen in early spring. A little earthen bird-house was fastened under the eaves in the rear of the house, and she selected this snug retreat as a fitting place to rear her future colony.

She had commenced work when a pair of blue-birds disputed her right to the house. The queen is necessarily absent much of the time scraping weather-beaten boards or posts to make her paper cells, and during her absence the birds were busily at work carrying material for their nest. But soon I heard them making a plaintive noise. They stood on the edge of the roof, the female with her mouth full of straw, and whenever she attempted to go into the house the wasp would dart toward her and drive her back. But this state of affairs could not last long. The queen must go on with her work, and no sooner was she gone than the birds recommenced their building, and were fast filling up the house. And now this wise queen went to other queens—who probably had not yet commenced work, as it was in April—and made them understand the dilemma she was in, and five sisters came to her aid and remained on the outside of the little house while she went to and fro on her journeys, and each time the birds came near they would dart at them. This continued until the birds were driven from the field and obliged to take another house. And now the five queens disappeared, leaving their sister in peaceful possession of the disputed property.

A Prediction Fulfilled.

The Emperor Napoleon III was by nature very superstitious. The following anecdote was related in 1834, long years before the fulfillment of the prediction that it contains. The emperor one day took it into his head to consult the celebrated chiromancien, Desbarolles, who died at a very advanced age. Desbarolles told him some curious facts respecting his character, his tastes and his past life. "Now," quoth the emperor, "tell me something about the future. Where shall my death take place and by what malady shall I die?" Desbarolles hesitated for a moment. "Sire, you have asked me for a frank response," he said at length, "and I will reply to you frankly. You are destined to breathe your last on English soil, and you will perish by the knife." Very curiously was the prediction fulfilled, although the knife proved to be not that of an assassin, but that of a surgeon.

FARM NOTES.

Keep colts growing by feeding a few oats daily.

Horses will be grateful for a run in the pasture on hot nights.

As soon as the raspberries and blackberries are gathered cut away the old canes.

Prof Tracy says that if cucumbers are planted in drills, the loss from bugs will not be felt.

The ends of Lima bean vines should be pinched off when they reach the top of the poles.

As soon as the ears have been taken from the sweet corn cut up the stalks and cure for the cow to eat in winter.

Beets, carrots, parsnips and other root crops should be hoed or cultivated until the growth of the leaves prevents.

Harness galls, sores of all kinds, by bites, etc., we find are best treated with carbolic soap (sheep dip) used as a salve.

Melons often set more fruit than will ripen. Cut off the surplus. Melons ripen more evenly if turned over every few days.

If any vegetables are sent to market, wash, trim and bunch neatly; they will bring a much better price than if sent loose and in poor order.

It seems very strange indeed that so many people still persist in using the old-fashioned dash churn, when there are so many improved kinds.

Onions, as soon as the tops fall over should be harvested. Pull and allow them to cure for a few days in the sun, and store in a cool, dry place.

Cucumbers for pickles should be watched every day, and all those of a suitable size be gathered. Cut away all that have grown too large, unless wanted for seed.

Fine specimens of fruit to exhibit at fairs may be obtained by severe thinning, giving one specimen all the nourishment that would have gone to half a dozen or more.

The fruits of egg-plants are so heavy that they will rest upon the ground and decay; a wisp of straw, or a shingle or other board, placed under the fruit will prevent this.

Celery plants may yet be set out in a well manured bed, or on ground manured for an earlier crop. Mark out rows three feet apart and set the plants six inches apart in the rows.

A man owning a farm has no business working out, for his work at home is of more value to him than the pay which he will receive for his work; and if he works out, his own work must be neglected.

Gates are far cheaper, all things considered, than bars. In the busy season much valuable time is lost in taking down and putting up bars, to say nothing of patience exhausted by the operation, especially if one is in a hurry.

Early potatoes, when dug, should not be exposed to the sun; it may be well to try exposing those intended for seed for a few days, untill they become thoroughly greened, and store carefully until planting time, being careful not to break the sprouts in handling them.

Insects must not now be neglected. Tack strips of old carpet or other coarse fabric around the trunk of apple trees; remove every week or ten days and crush the "apple worm," larva of the codling moth, that has taken shelter under them. Pick up all windfalls, or allow swine to do it.

Turnips will make a good crop, sown the first week in August; even Sweedes do well on light, rich land, and the small roots, as big as a pint cup, are more marketable than bigger ones.—After the rains soften the sward we may plow for wheat, and in some sections the practice of early seeding to grass, without the intervention of a grain crop, is successfully followed.

Young horses frequently recover quickly from ringbone, while old ones are sometimes treated without effect. The proper course consists of rest and cooling applications until the inflammation is subdued; then apply a blister, such as 20 grains each of corrosive sublimate and camphor, 10 drops of hydrochloric acid and 1 ounce of turpentine; watch the blister and wash off when the effect is sufficient.

Guano water, says the *Rural New Yorker*, is hated by mealy bugs, red spiders, and by thrips, when applied to house plants. The plants assume an increased thrift, and the insects chose other localities. The old proportion of a table-spoonful of guano to a gallon of water is applied in the following way: Put in the guano, stir well and leave the liquid a day or two to settle; then pour off the liquid, leaving carefully the sediment. It will be safe to add as much more water.

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